

FAQ – Special Spring 2020 Special Grading Policy and Latin Honors, Presidential Medal and Deans List

1. How will PASS/FAIL affect graduating with honors -such as graduating cum laude, will students still be eligible to graduate with honors with a Pass on their transcript?

Answer: For graduating students, there will be a temporary calculation of the semester and cumulative GPA. Based on the GPA and following current policies, students will earn the Latin distinction award (cum laude, etc.).

The honor will stay on the transcript even after students opt to have some (or all) of their grades converted to the special designations which will lead to a recalculation of semester and cumulative GPA.

2. Does utilizing the special grading policy affect the potential to receive a Presidential Medal for those who are graduating?

Answer: For students to be awarded the Presidential Medal, they must have all their actual grades listed on their transcript; as per current policy, an A must be earned in all courses.

That would be true for students graduating in any semester, including future terms.

3. How will the special grading policy impact awarding Latin honors for students graduating in future semesters?

Answer: For students who are not graduating in May 2020, Latin honors decisions will be made after their final semester with Spring 2020 grades treated as they were for students graduating in Spring 2020.

4. How will the special grading policy impact the selection for Deans List honors?

Answer: Semester GPAs will be calculated and temporarily recorded before grade changes to special letters (Pass/Fail) take place. Students who, based on their actual semester GPA, meet all criteria of the current policy will go on the Dean's List. The designation of Dean's List will stay on the transcript even after grades have been converted and GPAs recalculated based on the courses students opt to have shown with special letter (Pass/Fail) designation.