

FAQs related to Pass/No Credit (P/NC) Policy – MS Programs at SDSB (MS HMI, MS BPP, MS TME)

Spring 2021

1. Can I opt for the Pass/No Credit Policy?

Yes, MS Programs at SDSB (MS HMI, MS BPP, MS TME) students have the option of converting ONE course grade to Pass/No Credit in the entire degree tenure. If the student has already exercised this option in Fall 2020, then he/she does not have an option of converting a course to PASS or NC for remaining part of the degree programme.

2. How does this Pass/NC policy work?

In order to convert a course to Pass, you need to obtain at least a C+ grade in the course. If not, you may opt for NC. In either case, there will be no effect on your CGPA.

3. Can opting for Pass/No credit affect OR delay my graduation?

Students are cautioned that in some cases taking this option may delay their graduation for at least one year. Exercising Pass/NC option in core courses may delay graduation by a year because graduate courses are offered once in a year.

4. How many courses can I convert to Pass/NC?

You may convert only 1 (one) course in Spring Semester 2021 to Pass/NC, if you have not availed this option during Fall 2020.

5. Is there any relaxation in the semester/year end CGPA requirement for MS Programs?

The end of the semester/year minimum CGPA requirement of 2.50 will remain unchanged.

Note: *The reason that you are NOT allowed to take the Pass option in more than one course is that you are required to complete 24 credit hours of letter-graded courses. If you plan to apply for PhD admission at LUMS or at any other university in Pakistan, you are required to maintain a minimum CGPA of 3.00 across 24 credit hours of letter-graded courses. Also, you may face issues with degree verification (for visa requirements at most embassies) as per the current HEC policy requiring taking 24 credit hours of letter-graded courses.*