

FAQs related to Pass/No Credit (P/NC) Policy – Graduate Programmes (MS/PhD) at SBASSE
Only – Fall 2020

PhD Students

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

You cannot opt for the Pass option. However, you may opt for No Credit only if your grade is B-, or lower.

2. Why can't I opt for the Pass option?

PhD students are required to maintain a CGPA of 3.00 in 18 credit hours of course work (i.e., they should have a letter grade in the corresponding courses). Therefore, you cannot opt for the Pass option

3. If I opt for the No Credit option, will I have to re-take those courses?

Yes, if you opt for No Credit option, you will have to re-take those courses in the upcoming semesters with regular i.e. letter grades grading scheme.

Masters Students

1. What is the grading criteria of the Pass/No Credit policy for Masters students?

If a Masters student opts for Pass/No Credit, a B- or higher grade gets converted to Pass, while a C + or lower grade gets converted to No Credit.

2. Can I opt for the Pass/No Credit policy?

You may convert the grades of at most two **(2)** of your courses (in total 6 credit hours) in Fall 2020 , provided you haven't availed the P?NC policy in Spring 2020, to Pass/No Credit, subject to the following:

- a. You are enrolled in MS by course work (i.e. not doing MS thesis nor you have plans to do MS thesis in the future);
- b. You have not taken any Pass/Fail courses (e.g., MS Project, Independent Study) in this semester or earlier.

3. I am enrolled in MS Thesis; can I still opt for this policy?

MS Thesis students still have an option for NC, but in that case they will have to register and complete NC credit hours in subsequent semester(s).

Note: *The reason that you are NOT allowed to take the Pass option 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 in 24 credit hours of letter-graded courses. Also, you may face issues with their degree verification (visa requirement for most embassies) as per the current HEC policy of taking 24 credit hours of letter-graded courses.*