

**FAQs related to Pass/No Credit (P/NC) Policy – Graduate Programmes (MS/PhD) at SBASSE**  
**Only – Spring 2021**

**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 Spring 2021, provided you haven't availed the P/NC policy in previous semesters (Spring and Fall 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.*