



Struggling with classes? Here are your options.

We understand that COVID-19 has disrupted the spring 2020 semester and we want to make sure you make the best decision on what to do if you're having trouble with a class.

Emergency Z and P Grades

Ole Miss has implemented a new [Emergency Z and P Grade Options policy](#) for the Spring 2020 semester. In summary, at the end of this semester when grades are posted, you may elect to convert some of your classes to Z or P grades.

Z grades	P grades
<p>C or higher grades can be converted to Z</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Z grades earn course credits and are degree applicable- Z grades are not counted in the overall GPA calculation- A Z grade DOES satisfy the "C or better" prerequisite for another course- A Z grade is NOT used in determining whether a student qualifies to graduate with academic honors	<p>C- or D grades can be converted to P</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- P grades earn course credits and are degree applicable- P grades are not counted in the overall GPA calculation- A P grade DOES NOT satisfy the "C or better" prerequisite for another course- The P grade is not used in determining whether a student qualifies to graduate with academic honors

Neither Z grades nor P grades affect your GPA. This gives you a big wide safety net for this challenging semester when you might not have the opportunity to do your best work. If you earn an A in a course, it doesn't make sense to take a Z. An F is still an F for GPA calculations.

Can I drop the course?

The Ole Miss deadline for dropping a course (March 2) has passed and will not be extended.

Should I withdraw from a course?

Due to the extreme and unavoidable emergency situation in Spring 2020, the Engineering Dean's Office will approve petitions to withdraw from a class for reasons related to COVID-19 through the last day of class (May 1).

If you are thinking about withdrawing from a course, please consider a few things first:

- Will you be able to maintain full-time status for financial aid, insurance, loans and other purposes?
- Is it possible the technical difficulties could improve?
- Is this a critical course you need to be able to make progress in your degree program?
- Should you take an I grade (incomplete) and gain some time to finish the course?

Note: you will not get a refund or course credit, if you withdraw from a course.



Late withdrawal from a course or all courses changes your grade scale from quality grade scale (ABCD) to W/F scale:

- A grade of W if you are passing at the time of withdrawal
- A grade of F if you are failing at the time of withdrawal

Be aware that it is possible to withdraw from a course and end up with an F. We recommend you confirm your course average with your professor before you withdraw so there are no surprises with your final grade.

If you choose to withdraw from a portion of your schedule, download the [Late Withdrawal Petition for Engineering](#) and send to the Engineering Dean's office by email.

If you choose to withdraw from all of your classes, you may use the option to "Drop to Zero Hours" in MyOleMiss without the Dean's Office approval.

[We are here to help](#)

There is a lot of information in this document. Please review carefully and let me know your questions or concerns. **We want you to make an informed, wise choice.**

I'm available to help you. Contact me by email first, and we can schedule a call if needed.

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