

FAQs on Final Exams and Final Grades

Why are the Final exams scheduled on Campus, given the risk level associated with the Covid-19 Pandemic?

The announcement that was sent by the Provost's office is aligned with the KU Fall 2020 Resumption Plan which was shared at the beginning of the semester with the entire KU community. Please note that in the plan it was mentioned that most of the Final exams will be conducted on campus at the moderate risk level.

KU will take all the necessary measures to apply and enforce health and safety precautionary measures throughout the final exams period both on campus and in the KU dorms.

What safety precautions will be implemented during final exams?

Through a concerted effort to safeguard students health and safety throughout the exam period the following steps have been built into the final exam process:

- The Final exams period has been extended. This action aims to reduce the number of concurrent students on campus, KU dorms, and KU buses.
- The social distancing guidelines will be enforced throughout the finals period.
- All students are mandated to wear masks at all times and all students will have to provide negative COVID-19 test results prior to their first exam on campus.
- All classrooms will be sanitized before and after every final exam.

I have special circumstances; can I request an exemption from taking final exams on campus?

If you have a chronic disease that puts you at a high-risk and you would like to request an exemption from on-campus Final exams, please submit the medical document through the Submit Chronic Disease form on the KU portal no later than November 12, 2020.

The form Link: [Request to Report Chronic Disease](#)

A committee will be reviewing all requests and you will be informed prior to Final exams about the decision regarding your exemption request.

Why is the Opt for Pass/Fail restricted to one undergraduate course?

KU's decision with regards to the P/F grades is an academic decision which we believe reflects KU's academic rigor and standards. Furthermore, the decision is aligned with local regulators in the UAE as well as with international best practices. Many top universities have returned to normal grading this Fall semester.

Why are the teaching makeup days introduced?

Make-up classes on Saturdays are a consequence of our extended Final exam period. The extended exam period was made as a safety precaution to have smaller groups of students access the campus for exams. In turn, this will keep the winter holiday intact without any changes so students can have a good break before Spring semester.

Will attendance be recorded on the makeup Saturdays?

Yes, attendance will be recorded for the makeup Saturdays.

When is the last day to withdraw with a W grade?

The withdrawal deadline is 5th of November.

How can I request to opt for a Pass/Fail grade?

An announcement will be sent from the Registration Office to notify you about the online form that you can use to request opting for a Pass/Fail grade. The form will also be available on the KU portal.

When can I make this change?

Once the announcement is sent, students may opt to have one course grade converted to Pass/Fail. The deadline to opt for Pass/Fail is 26th of November.

How many courses can I request to opt for Pass/Fail grade?

Undergraduate students can request a maximum of one course to be converted to Pass/Fail grade.

Will a Pass grade count in my CGPA and will I receive credits for it?

Pass grades will not count in your CGPA. You will receive credit with a Pass grade and it will be counted towards your earned hours.

Will a Pass grade raise my cumulative CGPA?

In most cases, it will not raise your CGPA. If you are repeating a prior course where you received a grade of "F", you may see a minimal change in your CGPA.

If I opted for Pass/Fail, and then I got an F letter grade in a course, what will happen to my grade/GPA?

Your grade will be updated to Unsatisfactory (U), the new grade will not impact your GPA and it will not count towards your earned hours.

After requesting to opt for a Pass/Fail grade, can I change to the original letter grade?

No, once you submit the request to opt for a Pass/Fail grade, you will not be able to revert back to the original grade.

What if I am still unsure of the best option for me?

This is an individual decision each student must make for their classes. You can discuss the possible options with your Academic Advisor. However, you will need to make an informed decision regarding whether or not to opt for a Pass/Fail grade prior to the deadline.

What will be the requirements to be on the Dean's list for Fall 2020?

You will need to meet the below requirements in order to be on the Dean's list for Fall 2020

- Your semester GPA should be 3.50 or higher up to 3.79.
- Your semester GPA earned hours should be a minimum of 12 credit hours (a minimum of 12 credit hours of standard letter grade).
- You should have no incomplete grade.

What will be the requirements to be on the President's list for Fall 2020?

You will need to meet the below requirements in order to be on the President's list for Fall 2020

- Your semester GPA should be 3.80 or higher.
- Your semester GPA earned hours should be a minimum of 12 credit hours (a minimum of 12 credit hours of standard letter grades).
- You should have no incomplete grade.

I'm currently on Probation1, if my CGPA/TermGPA/TermHours do not improve, will I go to Probation2?

Normal academic standing will apply as per the catalog the student is following.

I'm currently on Probation2, if my CGPA/TermGPA/TermHours do not improve, will I be subject for dismissal?

Normal academic standing will apply as per the catalog the student is following.

I'm currently on my last chance of probation, if my CGPA/TermGPA/TermHours do not improve, will I be dismissed?

Normal academic standing will apply as per the catalog the student is following.

I'm currently on good standing, if my CGPA/TermGPA/TermHours goes below the good standing requirement, will I be on probation?

Normal academic standing will apply as per the catalog the student is following.