

Undergraduate Policy: Alternate Grading Option

Rochester Institute of Technology has adopted an amended grading option that students can elect to take advantage of for Fall 2021 (2211).

- At the conclusion of the semester all instructors will assign grades for classes as normal.
- Once grades have been assigned, students will have the option to elect **one** of their undergraduate classes to be graded with the alternate grading option.
- This option is available for all undergraduate courses that are traditionally graded. This excludes wellness courses and cooperative education as they are already designated as Satisfactory/Fail.

If an undergraduate student elects the alternate grading option, they will earn credit in the following manner:

Grade	Description
SE	Satisfactory - performance at the levels of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+ or C and full course credit is earned.
PE	Pass - performance at the levels of C- or D and full course credit is earned.
NE	No Pass - performance at the level of F and no course credit is earned.

Courses graded with the alternate grading option will not impact the term or cumulative GPA.

Starting after grades are submitted, students may elect to change courses to the alternate grading option with a limit of **one course**. The option remains available until the time the degree is certified.

A student may also request that the alternate grading option be changed back to a regular letter grade, which will then be calculated in the term and cumulative GPA. Such a request will be honored if made before the degree is certified. Should an instance occur in which the importance of a traditional grade is not known until after degree certification, the University will have an appeal process in place by which students can request that special attention be paid to their request for grade reversal. This request will be managed by the Office of the Registrar and in consultation with the college Dean's Office and the Office of the Provost.

Courses taken that are repeats of previously completed courses where the student chooses the alternate grading option will continue to remove the grade and GPA statistics from the previously enrolled term however the student will not see a GPA for the course in the current term.

Students who repeat a course they have failed previously, and who select the alternate grading option, must pass the course (SE or PE) in order for the first failing grade to be removed from the GPA.