

FAQ – Alternate Grading Option Fall 2021

Q1: Is the Alternate Grading Option available to all students?

- No, only undergraduate students in undergraduate courses are eligible to elect the alternate grading option. Below you will find the alternate grades for undergraduate courses:

| Undergraduate Courses |
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| 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. |

Q2: When can students choose the Alternate Grading Option?

- Once grades are submitted for the semester, undergraduate students can elect to change **ONE** of their undergraduate classes (some exceptions apply, as outlined in policy document - classes such as wellness, thesis, etc) to the alternate grading option. It is strongly recommended that students wait to examine all grades received by instructors before electing the alternate grading option.

Q3: How do students declare the Alternate Grading Option?

- Beginning on **December 8th**, there will be a short web form on the Registrar’s Office webpage. Students will be required to submit one request per class they are electing to change to the alternate grading option.

Q4: Is there a deadline for declaring the Alternate Grading Option?

- It is likely that soon after seeing your grades, you will know right away if you would like to elect the alternate grading option. We strongly recommend that you make your selection by December 19 so that end of semester processing factors in your adjusted GPA. The adjusted GPA is necessary for degree certification for fall graduates as well as probation, suspension and dean’s list review for all students.

Q5: If a student is graduating in Fall 2021, at what point is this option to select the alternative grading option closed?

- Students graduating this term, need to make the decision regarding the alternate grading option soon after grading is complete. Decisions should be finalized by **December 19**.

Q6: If a student elects the Alternate Grading Option, how will that appear on the official and unofficial transcripts?

- If the alternate grading option is selected by the student - only the alternate grade will be reflected on the transcript.

Q7: How does the Alternate Grading Option impact prerequisites on courses?

- Grades of SE will satisfy any prerequisites that require a C or better. A PE grade, which was based on a grade of C- will satisfy any prerequisites that require a C- or better, however, if the PE grade was based on a D grade, the C- or better prerequisite will NOT be satisfied. NE equates to a failing grade and will not

earn credits or allow for course progression.

Q8: If a student elects the alternate grading option, can they change their mind and revert back to the grade issued by the instructor?

- Yes. While the University recommends that students take make decision to choose the alternate grading option seriously and with careful attention, students are permitted to change their mind and revert back to the grade issued by the instructor. The decision to revert back to the letter grade must be completed before a student's degree is certified. The form to make this request will also be located on the Office of the Registrar webpage and will be available on December 8th.

Q9: What if students require letter grades for professional programs, employment or graduate studies?

- Because letter grades will be recorded, it will be possible for students to request an official letter from the Office of the Registrar attesting those grades should that be necessary. RIT will ensure that those who need evidence of a student's academic achievements will be able to get it. Additionally, students can elect to revert back to the traditional grading option should they choose (as outlined above).

Q10: Who should students contact if they have further questions about the Alternate Grading Option?

- Please email registrar@rit.edu with any additional questions.