VITERBI GRADUATE STUDENTS  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS SPRING 2020 GRADE OPTIONS

Q. What is the Viterbi deadline for graduate students to choose P/NP or No Record?  
Viterbi graduate students may elect a letter-grade, P/NP, or No Record -- and may change their option multiple times -- up through the May 27 deadline, which is one week after semester grades are available.

Q. Will all Graduate Courses be made available for P/NP?  
All graduate courses in Viterbi are available for the P/NP option.

Q. What is considered a passing grade for graduate students?  
If you take the course for a letter grade, then a C or above is considered passing. If you take the course as Pass/No Pass, then a B or above will result in a Pass grade; B- or below will result in a No Pass grade.

Q. Can a PDP student apply pass/no pass credits towards their master’s degree from this semester?  
Yes. Please note that a graduate course requires a B or better to be considered a Pass grade.

Q. For current Ph.D. Students, how does this affect their Ph.D. program progress review?  
Ph.D. student may take P/NP without it impacting their academic progress.

Q. Individual departments have GPA/screening requirements for core courses. How does this affect those policies?  
For this semester, courses taken P/NP will not impact screening requirements.

Q. What are options available to students on probation?  
The P/NP option is available to all students including students on probation. Please consult your academic advisor to determine whether this option is beneficial for you.

Q. For students who have requirements or electives in other schools, will P/NP count for them?  
Students will need to check in with other schools on how they are handling the P/NP policy in terms of grading. If you take P/NP in a non-Viterbi course that is required for your Viterbi degree, your academic department can still apply the P/NP course to your degree.

Q. A student is in a course on an 11 week schedule. When is the P/NP decision deadline?  
The P/NP deadline is May 27.

Q. Can a second attempt at a course be taken for P/NP?  
Yes, but please keep in mind that under no circumstances will P/NP be calculated into the GPA.

Q. I am an international student; will taking a course P/NP count towards my full time enrollment status.  
A course taken P/NP will go towards fulltime enrollment status only if it can be applied to the student’s degree.

Q. If a graduate student is taking a 400-level class for degree credit, do they need a C- (undergrad minimum) or B (Viterbi grad minimum) for the class if they opt for P/NP?  
B for graduate credit