

# Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

## Modified undergraduate policies in response to 2020 pandemic measures

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In order to fairly accommodate students who have been impacted by the measures arising from the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic, FEAS undergraduate policies are modified as follows. These changes are in effect for the Winter and Spring 2020 semesters only, unless otherwise noted.

### Interpretation of PAS/FAL grades

- Due to the impact on Winter 2020 final exams, students are given a choice of a PAS/FAL grade or a numeric grade for impacted courses. The Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies has determined that a PAS is assigned for calculated grades of 50% or greater, and a FAL otherwise.
- For non-Engineering courses, PAS grades are accepted as having met the requirements for Engineering programs, including for promotions, as described below, and for exemptions where a course grade of 60% is normally required, but not where a higher standard is specified (see <http://www.mun.ca/engineering/undergrad/policies/Exemptions.pdf>). This applies to all course grades assigned in Winter 2020, regardless of when this is applied in the program.

### Admissions to Engineering One

For current Memorial University applicants applying for admission to Engineering One (<https://www.mun.ca/regoff/calendar/sectionNo=ENGI-0986#ENGI-0994>), PAS/FAL grades are treated the same as transfer credits. They do not contribute to calculated average but are taken to indicate having met the standard for admission.

### Promotions to Term 3 and major selection

To be promoted to Academic Term 3, a student must complete all eleven Engineering One courses. A course is considered complete for promotion purposes if the student has:

- a numeric grade of at least 55,
- a “PAS” grade, or
- transfer credit from Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or a post-secondary institution.

For promotion to Academic Term 3, a grade of “PAS” will be used to verify that a student has completed Engineering One, but it will not be included in the Engineering One promotion average (defined at <https://www.mun.ca/regoff/calendar/sectionNo=ENGI-1182>). Guarantees based on promotion average (e.g., matching to the first-choice discipline with a promotion average of 75 or better) still apply, but they will be based on the average of fewer courses. In practice, this means that we will use “PAS” grades in the same fashion as transfer credits. A

grade of “PAS” in a repeated course will remove any previous D grade (50-54) in that course from a student’s promotion average, but it will not itself contribute to the promotion average. If students are re-taking courses to improve their promotion average, they may need to opt for the numeric grade option in their Engineering One courses.

For example, if a student had the following transcript:

Transfer Credits	2019-20 Fall		2019-20 Winter	
ENGI 1020	ENGI 1010	52 <sup>(a)</sup>	CHEM 1050	PAS
MATH 1000	ENGI 1030	60	ENGI 1010	PAS <sup>(b)</sup>
	ENGL 1090	70	ENGI 1040	PAS
	MATH 1001	60	MATH 2050	PAS
	PHYS 1050	70	PHYS 1051	60

(a) below 55, not usable for Engineering One promotion

(b) replaces previous 52

That student’s promotion average will be calculated as the average of:

ENGI 1030	60
ENGL 1090	70
MATH 1001	60
PHYS 1051	60

This would result in a promotion average of 62.5%, which is insufficient for promotion from Engineering One. If the student’s grade in ENGI 1010 were 75 instead of PAS, however, their promotion average would be 65%, which is sufficient for promotion from Engineering One.

### Promotions beyond Term 3

To be promoted from semesters beyond Engineering One, a student must complete all courses required in that Academic term. Grades of PAS or FAL are excluded from the calculation of the promotion average (<https://www.mun.ca/regoff/calendar/sectionNo=ENGI-1191>). The following is the interpretation of PAS/FAL grades with respect to promotion status. Unless noted here, all other promotion regulations remain unchanged.

#### Clear Promotion

- To be granted clear promotion a student must have a promotion average of at least 60% or no numerical grades, and
- A grade of at least 50% or PAS in each course that is considered for the promotion average in that term.

#### Probationary Promotion

- A student who has a promotion average of at least 60% or no numeric grades, but has one or two courses with a grade of FAL or a numeric grade below 50% will be granted probationary promotion.