

Undergraduate Council

UC Academic Senate Temporary Grading Options for ELWR for 2020-2021

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July 7, 2021

ACADEMIC SENATE DIVISION CHAIRS

Re: Grading Options for ELWR in Fall 2021

Dear Colleagues:

In July, September, and December 2020, the Academic Council endorsed recommendations from the University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE) to temporarily modify the passing requirement for the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) in Senate Regulation 636.C.1. At its June 2021 meeting, the Council endorsed the enclosed recommendation from UCOPE to extend that temporary modification to summer session 2021 and fall 2021.

In short, SR 636.C normally requires the ELWR to be satisfied with a C or better. The modification allows each Division the flexibility, if they need it, to determine whether a grade of Pass (P) can satisfy the ELWR, even if a C- is the minimum passing grade on the campus.

I ask Senate Division chairs to forward the UCOPE document to your respective Committees on Education Policy and Undergraduate Councils. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Gauvain".

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June 7, 2021

**MARY GAUVAIN, CHAIR
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RE: LETTER GRADE AND P/NP OPTIONS FOR ELWR DURING SUMMER AND FALL 2021

Dear Mary,

Senate Regulation 636.C.1 stipulates that the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) must be satisfied with a grade of C or better or its equivalent, not a C-. In December, the Academic Council endorsed a [recommendation from UCOPE](#) to temporarily modify the passing requirement in Senate Regulation 636.C.1 to allow a C- grade or above to satisfy the ELWR in Winter and Spring 2021.

For Summer session and for all sessions in Fall quarter/semester 2021, UCOPE recommends that each Division be allowed to determine whether a grade of C- or better or its equivalent, or a grade of Pass (and Satisfactory) can satisfy the ELWR, even if a C- is the minimum passing grade on their campus.

On campuses where a grade of C- qualifies as a passing grade, a course taken for a letter grade would also satisfy the ELWR if a C- or better was earned.

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December 16, 2020

ACADEMIC SENATE DIVISION CHAIRS

Re: Grading Options for ELWR in winter and spring 2021

Dear Colleagues:

In July and September 2020, the Academic Council endorsed recommendations from the University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE) to temporarily modify the passing requirement for the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) in Senate Regulation 636.C.1. At its December 2020 meeting, the Council endorsed the enclosed recommendation from UCOPE to extend that temporary modification to 2021 winter and spring terms.

In short, SR 636.C normally requires the ELWR to be satisfied with a C or better. The modification allows each Division the flexibility, if they need it, to determine whether a grade of Pass (P) can satisfy the ELWR, even if a C- is the minimum passing grade on the campus.

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December 2, 2020

MARY GAUVAIN, CHAIR
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RE: LETTER GRADE AND P/NP OPTIONS FOR ELWR DURING WINTER AND SPRING 2021

Dear Mary,

Senate Regulation 636.C.1 stipulates that the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) must be satisfied with a grade of C or better or its equivalent, not a C-. In September, the Academic Council endorsed a [recommendation from UCOPE](#) to temporarily modify the passing requirement in Senate Regulation 636.C.1 to allow a C- grade or above to satisfy the ELWR in Fall 2020.

For all sessions in Winter and Spring quarter/semester 2021, UCOPE recommends that each Division be allowed to determine whether a grade of C- or better or its equivalent, or a grade of Pass (and Satisfactory) can satisfy the ELWR, even if a C- is the minimum passing grade on their campus.

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September 29, 2020

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Re: Grading Options for the ELWR in Fall 2020

Dear Colleagues:

The Academic Council has endorsed the enclosed recommendation from the University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE) to extend the temporary modification of the passing requirement for the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) in Senate Regulation 636.C that Council approved for Spring and Summer 2020 sessions, to fall 2020 sessions.

In short, SR 636.C normally requires the ELWR to be satisfied with a C or better. The modification allows each Division the flexibility, if they need it, to determine whether a grade of Pass (P) can satisfy the ELWR, even if a C- is the minimum passing grade on the campus.

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September 11, 2020

MARY GAUVAIN, CHAIR
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RE: LETTER GRADE AND P/NP OPTIONS FOR ELWR DURING FALL QUARTER/SEMESTER 2020.

Dear Mary,

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For all sessions in Fall quarter/semester 2020, UCOPE recommends that each Division be allowed to determine whether a grade of C- or better or its equivalent, or a grade of Pass (and Satisfactory) can satisfy the ELWR, even if a C- is the minimum passing grade on their campus.

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Best wishes,

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July 23, 2020

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Re: Grading Options for ELWR for Summer 2020

Dear Colleagues:

The Academic Council has endorsed the enclosed recommendation from the University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE) to extend the temporary modification of the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) passing requirement in Senate Regulation 636.C that Council approved for Spring 2020 sessions, to 2020 Summer sessions, to allow a C- grade or above to satisfy the ELWR.

I ask Senate Division Chairs to forward the document to the appropriate individuals in the Senate and administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kum-Kum Bhavnani".

Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Chair
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July 6, 2020

**KUM-KUM BHAVNANI, CHAIR
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RE: EXCEPTION TO SENATE REGULATION 636.C.1 FOR SUMMER 2020

Dear Kum-Kum:

Monday, July 13, 2020

RE: Letter grade and P/NP options for ELWR for Summer 2020

Dear Kum-Kum,

In April, the Academic Council endorsed a joint recommendation from UCOPE and UCEP to temporarily modify the passing requirement in Senate Regulation 636.C to allow a C- grade or above to satisfy the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) in spring 2020.

For all sessions in Summer 2020, UCOPE recommends that each Division be allowed to determine whether a P grade can satisfy the ELWR, even if a C- is the minimum passing grade on their campus.

On campuses where a grade of C- qualifies as a passing grade, a course taken for a letter grade would also satisfy the ELWR if a C- or better was earned.

Best wishes,

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May 6, 2020

ACADEMIC SENATE DIVISION CHAIRS

Re: Clarification of letter grade and P/NP options for ELWR for Spring 2020

Dear Colleagues:

In April, the Academic Council endorsed a joint recommendation from UCOPE and UCEP to temporarily modify the passing requirement in Senate Regulation 636.C to allow a C- grade or above to satisfy the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) in spring 2020.

In response to follow-up questions from campuses, the attached UCOPE/UCEP letter clarifies that on campuses where a grade of C- qualifies as a passing grade, a course taken for a letter grade would also satisfy the ELWR if a C- or better was earned.

I ask Senate Division Chairs to forward the document to the appropriate individuals in the Senate and administration.

Sincerely,

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Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Chair
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Tuesday, May 5, 2020

RE: Clarification of letter grade and P/NP options for ELWR for Spring 2020

Dear Kum-Kum,

The ELWR, under existing senate regulations, must be satisfied with a grade of C or better, not a C- (per SR636). For the Spring 2020 quarter/semester, UCEP and UCOPE recommended that each Division be allowed to determine whether a P grade can satisfy the ELWR (in lieu of a letter grade), even if a C- is the minimum passing grade on their campus.

System-wide Academic Council endorsed this exception on April 14, 2020.

In response to queries from several Divisions about grading options for Spring term 2020, UCEP and UCOPE are writing to clarify that, on campuses where a grade of C- qualifies as a passing grade, a course taken for a letter grade would also satisfy the ELWR if a C- or better was earned.

On campuses where a grade of C qualifies as the passing grade (P), a letter grade of C or better (P) continues to satisfy the ELWR for the duration of Spring term 2020.

Divisional Senates should take any necessary action to modify their standing Divisional Regulations regarding ELWR for Spring 2020 so that either a Passing Grade or a letter grade of C- or higher satisfies ELWR.

Guidance for Summer 2020 is provided in a separate memo.

Sincerely,

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April 16, 2020

ACADEMIC SENATE DIVISION CHAIRS

Re: Grading Options for ELWR for Spring 2020

Dear Colleagues:

The Academic Council has endorsed the enclosed joint recommendation from the University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE) and the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) to temporarily modify the passing requirement in Senate Regulation 636.C to allow a C- grade or above to satisfy the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) in spring 2020.

I ask Senate Division Chairs to forward the document to the appropriate individuals in the Senate and administration. I wish to thank UCEP and UCOPE for their work on this topic. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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April 13, 2020

**KUM-KUM BHAVNANI, CHAIR
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RE: P/NP grading option for ELWR for spring 2020

Dear Kum-Kum:

UCOPE has reviewed the attached UCEP recommendation related to the Pass/No Pass grading option and satisfaction of the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) during any term (Quarter, Semester, or Summer) which overlaps with the dates of March 19, 2020 through August 1, 2020,

UCOPE fully supports the recommendation for a one-time exception to allow a student who earns the non-letter-grade option of "P" (or equivalent Pass/Fail grade option) in their division-approved course or program of study to have fulfilled the ELWR during the time period specified above.

UCEP and UCOPE would like to move this joint recommendation forward to Council for approval as quickly as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best wishes,

Darlene Francis,
Chair, University Committee on Preparatory Education



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Monday, April 13, 2020

RE: P/NP grading option for ELWR for spring 2020

Dear Dr. Francis:

In March of 2020, UCEP provided guidelines to the divisions about the use of P/NP and S/U grade options. These guidelines reaffirmed divisional authority to define policy pertaining to grade options. A problem arises because SR 636.C states with regard to the Entry Level Writing Requirement that any student who receives a C- or below has not fulfilled the requirement. However, some divisions classify C- as equivalent to a "P" in their P/NP grade option policies, and this may prevent students from satisfying the ELWR using the P/NP option.

The current SR 636 C states:

There are two ways a student may satisfy the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement subsequent to enrollment at the University of California: by passing the University of California Analytical Writing Placement Examination, or by successfully completing a course or program of study approved for that purpose by an appropriate agency of the Academic Senate Division of the student's campus. (Am 28 May 80; Am 26 May 82; Am 19 Feb 2004; Am 30 Jan 2008)

1. To satisfy the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement by means of a course, the student must earn a C or above or its equivalent. A student who receives a final grade of C- or below has not fulfilled the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement and may repeat the course(s). (Am 30 Jan 2008)
2. Any award of baccalaureate credit for University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement course(s) must be consonant with SR 761. (En 30 Nov 83; Am 19 Feb 2004; Am 30 Jan 2008)

Proposed one-time exemption to policy

UCEP would support a proposal that during any term (Quarter, Semester, or Summer) which overlaps with the dates of March 19, 2020 through August 1, 2020, a student who earns the non-letter-grade option of "P" (or equivalent Pass/Fail grade option) in their division-approved course or program of study shall have fulfilled the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement.

We note that the Courses of Instruction (COCI) committee at UC Berkeley decided to allow a "P" grade to meet ELWR for Spring 2020. Their decision was based on understanding from the 03/19/2020 UCEP memo that recommended that Divisions allow for one-time flexibility in grading for Spring 2020 and on SR636.D., which grants authority to relevant senate bodies to allow flexibility in *when* the ELWR is satisfied.

However, because UCOPE has general authority over the ELWR, we hope that you will join us in recommending this exemption. UCEP would be happy to collaborate with you in this effort in any way that would be helpful.

Sincerely,

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