

What is the P/NC Option?

Undergraduate students may select one course each semester and one course in Winter and Summer Sessions for grading under the P/NC option. (Note: Summer Sessions 1 and 2 are considered as one semester.) No more than 21 credits of P/NC may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree. Courses in which students may only earn a P or NC are not included in the 21 attempted P/NC credit limit.

Instructors cannot submit a grade of P or NC except in courses where these grades are the only legal grade. All earned passing grades will be converted to P; F grades will be converted to NC. The NC grade is only assigned when an F is submitted by the instructor. If a student does not attend the course or if, as a result of excessive absences, the instructor has no basis on which to submit a final grade, a grade of WU may be assigned. The grade of WU will not be converted to an NC. Only an earned failure is converted to an NC. WU and WF grades in courses taken under the P/NC option remain on the student's record. Students should note that grades of P will not be applied to general college honors, which requires a student to complete at least 60 credits with letter grades at Queens College.

Below is a summary of the P/NC policies and exceptions:

1. You can only P/NC one course per semester and only one for the winter/summer session
2. You must continue to attend class, complete all assignments and take the final exam. If a student does not attend the course or if, as a result of excessive absences, the instructor has no basis on which to submit a final grade, a grade of WU may be assigned. The grade of WU will not be converted to an NC. Only an earned failure is converted to an NC.
3. You may not P/NC any course in your major or minor (without permission of the department), graduate level courses, ACE Seminar courses, CESL courses, English 110, 120, Math 110 or any Writing-Intensive course (if you have yet to meet the three-course Writing-Intensive requirement).
4. ***If you matriculated Fall 2015 or after, you may not P/NC any course for CUNY Pathways. You may still P/NC the course and get credits if you pass it, but the course cannot be used to fulfill CUNY Pathways.***
5. No more than 21 P/NC credits may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree.
6. If you earn a passing grade of A+ to D, you will receive a P grade and credits for the course. If you earn a failing grade (F), you will be assigned a grade of NC (no credit), which will not affect your G.P.A.
7. Most graduate schools consider a P as D grade.

In joint majors and in specialized majors within departments, the determination of courses constituting the major for purposes of the P/NC option will be made by the student's concentration advisor.

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I apply for the P/NC option?

P/NC requests are available beginning with the fourth week to the end of the eighth week of the Fall or Spring semester. Students can check the Academic Calendar for specific deadlines for P/NC requests for Fall, Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter semester/sessions. The P/NC request link is available online on the Office of the Registrar website at www.qc.cuny.edu/registrar. Students will have to log in with their myQC username and password to request for a P/NC. If the link is not working, students may go to the One Stop Service Center and request for a paper P/NC.

*****There is no extension to the deadline for P/NC.***

Can I rescind a P/NC request or cancel my P/NC request?

Yes, students have until the end of the eighth week of the Fall or Spring Semester (dates vary for Summer and Winter) to rescind/cancel their P/NC request. Students can cancel their request via the same way they filed for the P/NC request by clicking on the link from the Office of the Registrar website at www.qc.cuny.edu/registrar.

There is no extension to the deadline for rescinding a P/NC request.

What if I missed the deadline to submit/rescind a P/NC request?

There is no appeal process for a retro-active P/NC or to rescind a P/NC request at this point. After the deadline, the P/NC request is final and cannot be changed. Failure in the course or missing the deadline to select the P/NC option will not be considered grounds for appeal.

What is the deadline for Second-semester students?

Second-semester students may select the P/NC option by filling out a P/NC form (not online) until the end of the fourteenth week of the Fall and Spring semesters, or until the next to last day of either Summer Session.

Who is considered a Second-semester student?

Second-semester students, for the purpose of the P/NC Option, are defined as:

- A. Full-time and matriculated students during their second semester at Queens College who entered with fewer than 12 credits from another institution of higher learning. Summer Sessions 1 and 2 do not count as a semester.
- B. Part-time and matriculated students who have completed more than 9 but fewer than 18 credits.

C. Transfer degree students with more than 11 but fewer than 28 credits from any institution of higher learning during their first semester at Queens College. Summer Sessions 1 and 2 do not count as a semester.

***Second-Semester students ONLY have until Friday, December 04 2015 to file a P/NC Request. Since the online link is not available anymore, second-semester students can file a P/NC request by filling out the attached form at the One Stop Service Center. Please see attachment for more information.

What happens if I received a P in a course that later becomes part of my major/minor?

Students who have received a P in a course that later becomes part of their major/minor may submit an Appeal to Post Earned Letter Grade in Place of Pass/No Credit Option Form to the USSC in Frese Hall, Room 201, to have the P replaced by the same earned grade originally assigned by the instructor.