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**From:** TCC Information Center Manager  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:55 PM  
**To:** Tc-students-2202@lists.vccs.edu  
**Subject:** New Grading Scale for Spring 2020 Classes

Dear TCC Students:

During these uncertain and unprecedented times, we at TCC want to assure you of the college's commitment to you and your academic success. COVID-19 has tested us all in unimaginable ways, you have made sacrifices to continue your studies. You are to be commended for your perseverance and diligence, and we encourage you to continue with your academic plans.

In response to the COVID-19 emergency and the resulting transition to remote learning, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) will be using a **new grading scale for Spring 2020 classes** that end April 7, 2020, or later. As a VCCS member institution, TCC is required to follow this new grading scale:

**P+** (pass with grade of C- or better)

**P-** (pass with a grade of D)

**W** (withdrawal by you or your instructor before the term end date)

**I** (incomplete, an agreement initiated by you and approved jointly between you and the instructor, which allows you to complete remaining course requirements in an agreed-upon semester, not to extend beyond Fall 2020)

Important details about this new and temporary grading scale include:

- **P+, P-** or **W** grades do not impact your GPA.
- All public, four-year Virginia colleges will accept the P+ for transfer. (UVA is the one institution pending a decision on this matter, and Virginia's private colleges are considering their policies.)
- Developmental education classes will retain their current P/R/U grading scale.

You may select to earn a traditional letter grade (A-F scale) instead of using the Spring 2020 temporary grading scale. By **Monday, May 4**, your instructor will inform you to their best of their ability of your current grade in the course so far. Then, you must notify each of your instructors of your decision by **May 7, 2020**, for 8-week and 12-week classes or **May 10, 2020**, for 16-week classes.

Instructions for making A-F grade scale requests will be sent to your student email account by April 10, 2020. If you do not submit a request to use the A-F grading system by the specified deadline, your instructor will apply the temporary grade scale (P+, P-, I, W). I encourage you to discuss options with your instructor to determine what might be in your best interest.

**Students receiving veteran benefits** should consult with their veteran's advisor at [askvetaffairs@tcc.edu](mailto:askvetaffairs@tcc.edu) before making a decision. Students using military tuition assistance (TA) should contact [military@tcc.edu](mailto:military@tcc.edu).

**Students receiving financial aid** should continue to check the [TCC website](#) for the most up-to-date information as it relates to COVID-19. Students may also call 757-822-1122 or contact the 24-Hour Support Center at 855-308-5614. Please remember to check your student email regularly. You will also be directed to review all communications on the Message Center in your Student Services Center.

[Additional information is posted on TCC.edu.](#) You may submit questions [using this form.](#)

Please continue to stay safe and take all the necessary precautions to protect yourself and others as we continue to deal with the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19.

This email account is not monitored on a daily basis. If you need immediate assistance, please email [info@tcc.edu](mailto:info@tcc.edu) or call [757-822-1122](tel:757-822-1122) and select option #4.

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Student Support Center Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 6:30 pm; Fridays, 8:30 am to 5 pm and Saturdays, 9 am to 1 pm