

William Paterson University Credit Transfer Policy in Response to a Global Public Health Pandemic

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William Paterson University recognizes that the global COVID-19 Pandemic and the switch to online course delivery has placed a substantial burden on students and faculty alike. In response, many colleges and universities, including WPU, have implemented liberal Pass/No Credit grading options for students for the Spring 2020 semester.

WPU understands that prospective transfer and graduate students applying to WPU may be concerned about how Pass grades on their Spring 2020 transcript might affect admission and credit transfer. Furthermore, it is expected that many New Jersey students currently studying out of state may choose to transfer to colleges and universities that are closer to home and more affordable, especially if their families have experienced a loss of income due to the closure of business during the pandemic. WPU needs to assure these students that they will be able to transfer to WPU without loss of credit.

Pass-grades on Spring 2020 transcripts will not negatively impact most undergraduate or graduate admission decisions; exceptions are described below.

WPU will award transfer credit for most Spring 2020 pass-grade courses that would normally have been accepted with a letter grade; exceptions are described below.

Programs for which external exam pass rates are considered for accreditation purposes such as nursing and athletic training will require original grades from pre-requisite courses for admission decisions. Transfer of courses into some accredited graduate programs such as the Doctor of Psychology will require original grades.