



Winter semester ... two thirds down, one to go!

What a year it has been so far, Jean! Perhaps you needed to manage your children's remote learning. Perhaps you had to juggle Semester 1 studies as well as Winter. Perhaps you are new to university learning, and have had to very quickly adapt to online learning. Whatever your situation, you are closer to the end of the semester now than you are to the start, so keep focused and pushing towards the finish line!

We want to highlight two newly approved initiatives regarding results for this Winter semester, acknowledging the disruption to studies caused by the pandemic, and removing the disadvantage of this impact on our students.

> The introduction of an SI grade (studies impacted)

An SI (Studies Impacted) grade will be issued in place of a fail grade*, where you are enrolled in a Winter semester course but have not received an overall passing grade. This will happen automatically, and you do not need to do anything further regarding this grade. Please note that the SI grade will not be used towards the calculation of your GPA.

> Grade Point Average (GPA) allowances

This semester you will have the opportunity to remove your results* from your GPA calculation, on an 'opt-in' basis. Your results will still appear on your academic transcript, however they will not impact your GPA. Further information will be provided in our 'results explained' email, scheduled for the week prior to results release. This will include how to calculate the effect this will have on your GPA and the process you need to follow if you wish to have this applied.

Our staff have created many new processes, systems and delivery techniques for Winter semester, alongside Semester 1, which our students have needed to adapt to, all whilst coming to terms with living in a very different world. We truly couldn't be prouder of the way our students and our staff have risen to this challenge.

We wish you the best with the remainder of your Winter semester studies.

Cheers, from all of us at your Student HQ

* except in circumstances where a second charge of plagiarism or academic misconduct results in a fail grade being awarded.



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