



University of New Hampshire

Franklin Pierce School of Law

AAAC Proposed Resolution for Faculty Vote 4.23.20

Emergency & Disaster Operations—Graduate & Certificate Programs: COVID-19 Pandemic Adopted by the faculty 4.24.20

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This Resolution aligns the UNH Franklin Pierce Law Graduate Programs Rules & Regulations and the UNH Franklin Pierce JD Certificate Rule with the Resolution modifying the UNH Franklin Pierce Law JD Academic Rules for spring semester 2020 (Emergency & Disaster Operations: COVID-19 Pandemic, adopted by the faculty on April 3, 2020) for the same reasons and according to the same parameters set forth in the April 3, 2020 Resolution. This Resolution incorporates by reference the entire April 3, 2020 Resolution; in the event of a disparity or conflict between the two Resolutions, this Resolution will control with respect to Graduate or Certificate (non-JD) or JD Certificate programming and requirements.

A. Modifications to Graduate Academic Rule I (Admission Requirements and Rules Applicable to All Graduate or Certification Programs)

1. In spring 2020, all instructors for all courses (in which all student work has not been completed prior to the date of adoption of this Resolution) must award only Credit/No Credit (CR/NCR) grades. (Modification to Rule I(C)(1)).
2. CR/NCR grading due to this Resolution does not count toward the cap on ungraded credits. (Modification to Rule I(C)(2)).
3. CR should be understood as requiring student performance equivalent to a Pass or above. (Modification to Rule I(C)(5)).
4. For students graduating in spring 2020, a “pass” average is required for all graduate or certificate (non-JD) degrees. For the purpose of determining averages for graduating students this semester, CR in a class will be the equivalent of a “pass” in a class. (Modification to Rule I(C)(7-9)).
5. For students enrolled in (including those due to graduate from) a Graduate or Certificate program in spring 2020, a “High Honors average” will include any numerical average of grades on the Graduate or Certificate grading scale falling at or above 3.0. An “Honors average” will include any numerical average of grades on this scale falling at or above 2.5 and below 3.0. A “Pass average” will include any

numerical average of grades on this scale falling at or above 1.5 and below 2.5. Grades from spring semester 2020 will be factored in to determining High Honors, Honors, or Pass status for the overall degree. (Modification to Rule I(C)(6).

6. Joint Degree candidates graduating in spring 2020 who are not able to complete their 24-credit program of study for the LLM in the spring 2020 semester due to exigent circumstances caused by the pandemic can qualify for the program of study with 20-credits, with no requirement that credits taken in spring 2020 semester for this program of study been taken for a letter grade. A cumulative GPA of 2.8 is required for the LLM portion of the Joint Degree for students graduating in spring 2020. (Modification to Rule I(C)(11).

7. A candidate for any LL.M. or Master's degree who is enrolled in spring 2020 semester and is unable to complete the degree within five academic years of matriculation due to the exigent circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic shall have 6 years to complete the degree. (Modification to Rule I(I).

8. With respect to Graduate or Certificate students currently on probation and recommendations for triggers for future probation for Graduate or Certificate students enrolled in spring 2020, CASS shall proceed in the same manner as for JD students (under the April 3, 2020 Resolution). (Modification to Rule I(J).

9. The requirement for residency in spring 2020 semester is waived for all Graduate or Certificate degrees. (Modification to Rule I(L)(1)-(9)).

10. For joint degree candidates due to graduate in spring 2020, the requirement that both degrees be conferred at the same time is waived. (Modification to Rule I(L)(10)).

B. Modifications to Graduate Academic Rule II (LLM Degree Requirements)

1. An LLM student enrolled in spring 2020 semester may drop a course (including a required course) due to exigent circumstances caused by the pandemic, even if the course drop causes them to drop below the normal course-load for a semester. (Modification to Rule II(A)-(C)).
2. An LLM student due to graduate in spring 2020 semester who has to drop a course (including a required course) due to exigent circumstances caused by the pandemic may obtain the LLM degree with no more than 2 fewer credits than are normally required for the degree. (Modification to Rule II(C)).

C. Modifications to Graduate Academic Rule III (Master's Degree Requirements)

1. A Master's student enrolled in spring 2020 semester may drop a course (including a required course) due to exigent circumstances caused by the pandemic, even if the course drop causes them to drop below the normal course-load for a semester. (Modification to Rule III(A)-(C)).
2. A Master's student due to graduate in spring 2020 semester who has to drop a course (including a required course) due to exigent circumstances caused by the

pandemic may obtain the Master's degree with no more than 2 fewer credits than are normally required for the degree. (Modification to Rule III(C)).

D. Modifications to Graduate Academic Rule IV (Joint Degree Requirements)

1. A Joint Degree student enrolled in spring 2020 semester may drop a course (including a required course) due to exigent circumstances caused by the pandemic, even if the course drop causes them to drop below the normal course-load for a semester. (Modification to Rule III(A)-(C)).
2. A Joint Degree student due to graduate in spring 2020 semester who has to drop a course (including a required course) due to exigent circumstances caused by the pandemic may obtain the Joint Degree with no more than 2 fewer credits than are normally required for the degree. (Modification to Rule IV(C)).

E. Modifications to Graduate Academic Rule V (Certificate Requirements)

1. A Certificate student enrolled in spring 2020 semester may drop a course (including a required course) due to exigent circumstances caused by the pandemic, even if the course drop causes them to drop below the normal course-load for a semester. (Modification to Rule IV(A)-(C)).
2. A Joint Degree student due to graduate in spring 2020 semester who has to drop a course (including a required course) due to exigent circumstances caused by the pandemic may obtain the Certificate with a minimum of 12 credits. (Modification to Rule IV(C)).

F. Modifications to JD Rule XVIII UNH Law JD Certificates (Certificate Requirements)

1. A JD Certificate student due to graduate in spring 2020 semester who has to drop a course (including a required course) due to exigent circumstances caused by the pandemic may obtain any JD Certificate with a minimum of 12 credits. (Modification to Rule XVIII(A)).