Q: Should I discuss my options with my academic advisors and faculty members before making a decision?

A: Yes, students should absolutely speak with their academic advisors and faculty members before making a decision. Program specific information is important as some students may be disadvantaged by opting for a P/NC grade in their program.

Q: Do I have to exercise the option for all of my classes?

A: No. You may select a different grading option for each course.

Q. What is LSUS’ policy for grades of P and NC?

A: Typically, a “P” grade is the equivalent of a grade of A through C, and a NC grade is the equivalent of a grade of D or F. In this emergency situation only, for the 16-week Spring 2020 term we have extended this policy so that a grade of P is the equivalent of a grade of A through D.

Q. If I choose the grade of P/NC for one of my classes where I think I’m going to get a grade of B, what will show on my transcript for the Spring 2020?

A. If you choose the P/NC option for a class, your transcript will show the grade of P. A notation that the grade was selected as a result of COVID-19 will be placed on your transcript.

Q: Will a P grade count as a prerequisite grade for the next class I need to take?

A: Yes. A P grade will meet prerequisite and major requirements for your program of study.
Q: Do I have to continue to attend classes remotely or can I take a P grade for what I have already done in the class?

A: You must complete the course to receive either a letter grade or a P/NC grade.

Q: Will either a P or NC be calculated into my Grade Point Average (GPA)?

A: Neither P nor NC grades will be used in calculating your cumulative or semester grade point averages.

Q: How will a P or NC affect my admissions into graduate schools, medical schools, law schools, etc.?

A: This is up to each individual graduate, medical, or law school. You should contact each of the institutions you are considering and inquire as to how they will view P or NC grades in their admissions decision.

Q: Will there be Dean’s and Chancellor’s Lists this semester?

A: Yes. P/NC grades will not be used in the calculation/computation of meeting the requirements.

Q: How will my academic standing (Warning, Probation, Suspension) be evaluated if I select P/NC grades? If I do not? If I select a combination?

A: Students who select all P/NC grades will retain the same academic status as the previous semester. The academic status of students selecting a combination of letter grades and P/NC will be determined based on the normal Scholastic Regulations policy found in the catalog.

Q: Does P/NC grading apply to graduate courses?

A: No, grades for graduate courses will be issued under the original grading method as determined in the syllabus.
Q: I started the semester in an online course, can I opt for P/NC grading?

A: No, online course grades will be issued under the original grading method as determined in the syllabus.

Q: If I am repeating a course may I opt for a P/NC grade and will it replace my previous grade?

A: All grades earned in the course are used in computing the grade point average (semester, LSUS, and cumulative), however, degree credit may be awarded only for the last repeat. If your previous grade was below a C, the P grade would be accepted for degree credit. If not, NC will not be counted as a successful attempt and will result in a need to repeat the course.

Q: If I am using veteran benefits, can I select P/NC, and what will the possible negative impact be?

A: If you select P/NC option, there are no negative repercussions on your VA benefits.

Q: If I am an international student, should I choose to change my grade?

A: At this time, there are currently no known restrictions for international students to take courses as P/NC. As long as you remain enrolled as a full-time student making forward progress towards your degree, converting your class grades to P/NC for the Spring 2020 semester should not impact your status.