



Senate of York University

Understanding Provisional Grades Guidance from the Executive Committee of Senate

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Provisional grades are among the options made available to students, faculty members and staff to assist them with challenges arising from the disruption of academic activities that began March 5. In response to questions about provisional grades, Senate Executive has prepared the clarifications set out below.

Graduating students in suspended courses may have been assigned one or more provisional grades. This has enabled them to furnish transcripts to other institutions and employers, or to receive, on a conditional basis, a degree. Communications from Senate Executive and the Vice-Provost Students have made clear that provisional grades are placeholders: final, official grades will be recorded on transcripts only when any required remaining coursework has been submitted and graded. Note that attested assessed grades are also provisional: they become official only when course directors verify final grades.

Senate Executive confirms the following:

- Provisional grades are not final grades.
- Provisional grades will be replaced on transcripts by final grades when course directors report to the Office of the University Registrar.
- Final grades may be the same, higher or lower than provisional grades.
- Grade point averages will be calculated on final grades, not provisional grades.
- To be eligible for a final assessed grade in a course for which a provisional grade has been entered, students must complete 70 per cent of coursework (60 per cent with the permission of the course director).
- It is the responsibility of students with provisional grades to ensure that coursework is fully completed, or that the minimum conditions for an assessed grade are met (see previous sentence).
- Failure to live up to responsibilities may result in the revocation of credit if graded assignments are not sufficient to pass a course. Degrees will be rescinded if requirements are not fulfilled.

Provisional grades are part of a fuller remediation framework set out in the document "Executive Committee of Senate: Completion of Courses and Finalization of Grades" which can be accessed at

<http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/senate/labour-disruption-2018-communications/>