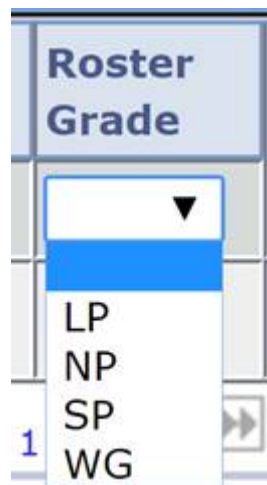


Happy Summer!

The Office of Graduate Studies would like to wish you all a fun, relaxing, and productive summer. We are here all summer if you need us. If not, we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Pro Tip

As the semester winds down and grades are finalized, we wanted to review the newest grading scale that may be available to faculty in Enroll & Pay. Departments may elect to use the SP/LP/NP grading scale for research, thesis, and dissertation courses for graduate students. Unfortunately, Enroll & Pay can only display each grading scale's grade options in alphabetical order, which is confusing in this case: SP is the one everyone wants! This is what instructors will see when they assign grades for these courses.



Please note that, in departments using this scale, graduate students must earn an SP in the final semester of their thesis, dissertation, or approved equivalent coursework. The SP indicates that the final product was of satisfactory quality to earn the degree.

SP/LP/NP Grading Scale Key

Abbreviation	Meaning	Indication
SP	Satisfactory Progress	Excellent!
LP	Limited Progress	Okay
NP	No Progress	Time to Focus

Grad Students Rising

[Chris Brown](#) voted inaugural Graduate Student Body Vice President in Student Senate

Exciting News, Save the Date!

[Doctoral Hooding Ceremony](#)

Sat. May 18th
7:30 pm

Lied Center of Kansas

Please note: this is a ticketed event.

[YOU at KU](#)

August 6-9

Required for most new International students

[KU GradPrep](#)

August 12-16

Encouraged for new International Students

[New GTA Orientation](#)

Monday, August 19th
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Required for first-time GTAs
Budig Hall

[New Graduate Student Orientation](#)

Friday, August 23rd
10:00 a.m. - 3:00

p.m.

Capitol Federal Hall Atrium

Encouraged for all new graduate students

[Upcoming Events](#)

If you are keen to see the technical details, you can review the [Grading](#) policy for graduate students in KU's policy library. And don't forget, we maintain a list of all graduate-related policies right on our [website](#), so a policy is easy to find when you need it. Please contact [Amber](#), our Policy Coordinator, with any questions.

Data Dive

Good news, no homework! We won't ask you to spend your first weeks of summer on any specific project. However, in Graduate Studies we spend our summers planning for the year to come so we'll be sharing some tips for data-driven planning over the summer. If you want to work ahead, you may notice some new dashboards in Tableau. We would be excited to talk to you about those if you have any questions.

As always, if you need access to the data resources we discuss, please contact Assistant Dean [Amanda Ostreko](#) for assistance.

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