

## **Continuity and Completion Policy for Spring 2020 and Fall 2020**

In this semester of unprecedented disruption and difficulty, Macaulay will ensure, to the extent possible, that our students will not be prevented from continuing their education or from graduating because of the current pandemic.

To that end, and to maintain coherence with both the letter and the spirit of CUNY's flexible grading policy (<https://tinyurl.com/cuny-flexible>), Macaulay will alter some of the existing Good Standing and graduation requirements for all students in Spring 2020 semester (and with renewal for future semesters at the discretion of the Chief Academic Officer in consultation with Macaulay's College Council).

For the spring 2020 semester:

- Students will not be academically dismissed from Macaulay as a result of their academic performance during the spring 2020 semester. This applies to students who were on Academic Support status before or during spring 2020, as well as students who were in Good Standing before spring 2020.
- Any course in which a student elects for a CR/NC grade will be accepted towards the Macaulay requirements if the student receives a grade of CR. Grades of CR or NC will not be included in the Macaulay GPA or counted for the Macaulay GPA requirement.
- Students whose programs drop below 12 credits (and thus below full-time status) as a result of electing an NC grade will not be penalized in their Macaulay status or tuition scholarship, providing they complete the Macaulay request for part-time status (<https://tinyurl.com/enrollment-change>). (NOTE: the Macaulay tuition scholarship will NOT cover tuition charges for dropped or withdrawn courses. Students will be responsible for those charges).
- Students who receive a grade of NC (or any non-passing grade) in their Macaulay seminars during spring 2020 will not be dismissed from Macaulay because of this grade and will be provided the opportunity to make up the seminar in a future semester.
- Students who are unable to complete their capstone or thesis projects, including Macaulay Springboard, for any reason connected to the pandemic, will be permitted to submit a substitute assignment. Substitute assignments must be devised and completed with the approval of the thesis or capstone faculty supervisor.
- Juniors or seniors whose study abroad, research, internship, or community service requirements have been interrupted or affected by the pandemic in any way should consult with their campus directors and advisors and submit a brief written statement explaining what they intended to do and how it was interrupted. Statements should be submitted before the end of the semester at <https://tinyurl.com/MHC-completion>. Statements will be reviewed by a committee appointed by Macaulay's Chief Academic Officer and, if approved, will fulfill Macaulay's graduation requirements in these areas.
- Students who face any other barrier to their academic progress because of the pandemic should consult their campus directors and advisors and may appeal to Macaulay's Chief Academic Officer ([oap@mhc.cuny.edu](mailto:oap@mhc.cuny.edu)) for assistance or accommodations.
- Macaulay students must continue to adhere to the Honors Integrity Pledge at all times. Serious violations of the Honors Integrity Pledge continue to be grounds for dismissal.