

Pass/No-Pass Grade Option (Spring Semester 2020 only)

In response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the delivery of courses, the current “Pass/Fail Credits” policy shall be suspended. In its place shall be the following temporary “Pass/No-Pass Grade” policy.

Each instructor shall enter into the university’s student information system a standard letter grade, with the understanding that grades of A through D- shall be automatically converted by the University Registrar to a grade of P and that grades of F shall be automatically converted to a grade of NP. After course grades have been posted (May 18, 2020) students shall reserve the right to change their P grade to the letter grade assigned by the faculty member (e.g., A, A-, B+). The initial deadline for students to notify the university of their decision to exercise this option shall be May 28, 2020. Subsequent notifications to exercise this option shall be submitted to the University Registrar as determined by a future policy. Once exercised, the option to revert to a letter grade cannot be reversed.

This temporary process shall not infringe upon each instructor’s right and responsibility to assess each student’s academic performance and to assign each student an appropriate grade.

The faculty of any academic department may request that a subset of courses offered by their faculty be exempt from the temporary P/NP policy.

- A. Exemptions will be granted only for those courses for which there are explicit expectations and requirements set forth by accreditors or regulatory agencies.
- B. Such requests must be submitted to the academic Dean no later than April 7, 2020 and forwarded to the Provost and Academic Vice President with a recommended action within two business days.
- C. The Provost shall review and respond to all requests within two business days and report those approvals to the respective Dean and Department Chairperson.
- D. The Provost shall publish a list of exempted courses online and notify the community of this information.
- E. Grades awarded in courses for which an exemption has been granted will initially appear as P/NP and then subsequently revert to a standard letter grade.

Use of P/NP grades.

- P/NP grades may be used to satisfy any major, minor, support, competency, or general education requirements, unless specifically prohibited by major department policy.
- A P grade will earn credit toward graduation but is not used in computing the GPA. A NP grade, however, will neither earn credit toward graduation nor be used in computing GPA.

A notation to the transcript shall read as follows: “In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, for the spring semester 2020, the university adopted a temporary grading policy whereby students were automatically assigned course grades of Pass/No Pass and subsequently afforded the option to have their grade reported with a standard letter grade. Students for whom a grade of P/NP is reported shall be held harmless.”