

Undergraduate Pass-Fail Grading Exigency Policy Spring 2020

Given the extraordinary circumstances leading to campus closure and the shift to online learning for the Spring 2020 semester, the Provost has temporarily suspended two sections of the 2019-2020 Undergraduate Catalog: “Changes of Enrollment” and “Pass-Fail Grading.” These changes are in effect for the Spring 2020 semester only. Updated policies appear below.

Changes of Enrollment

Adding a course, changing from credit to audit or audit to credit, changing from one section to another, and changing the number of credits in any variable credit course must be completed by the last day to late register as published in the [Academic Calendar](#).

Electing or revoking the Pass-Fail option must be completed between May 9 and June 10, 2020. This change must be recorded with the Office of the Registrar via the appropriate form on WebAdvisor.

Pass-Fail Grading

The Pass-Fail option is designed to encourage students to investigate fields outside their major curricula in which they have a specific personal interest without affecting their grade point averages. The only grades assigned on courses taken on the Pass-Fail option are **S** and **U**; a grade of **S** indicates a satisfactory performance and a **U** indicates unsatisfactory performance. A student will be given credit for courses in which the grade of S is earned, but these courses will not affect the computation of the GPA.

Specific provisions of the Pass-Fail option are as follows:

1. The Pass-Fail option is in effect for an indefinite period of time, subject to periodic review.
2. **The Pass-Fail option is available to all undergraduate students.**
3. Students are permitted to exercise the Pass-Fail option **on all courses**.
4. Students are permitted to take no more than eight courses on a Pass-Fail basis during their undergraduate career.
5. The option may be elected or revoked by the student **between May 9 and June 10, 2020**.
6. Normal prerequisites may be waived for students taking a course on a Pass-Fail basis.
7. No course carried on a Pass-Fail basis will be counted toward the hours required for either the President’s or the Dean’s Honor List.
8. Courses taken on a Pass-Fail basis do not receive grade points or grade hours, do not contribute to the grade point average, and cannot be used for consideration of [Graduation with Honors](#).
9. **Grades of A, B+, B, C+, C, D+, or D are the equivalent of a grade of “S” for Spring 2020. Grades of F are the equivalent of a grade of “U” for Spring 2020.**

Repeat Forgiveness Option

S/U grades will not result in a change to GPA. Grades of “S” cannot be used to replace grades for repeat forgiveness. If your GPA is 2.6 after the Fall term and you receive all “S” grades in Spring term, your GPA will remain 2.6.

Honor Lists

The names of students who achieve high GPAs are entered on the Honor Lists each fall and spring semester.

Students who have earned, during Spring 2020 semester, a GPA of 4.0 on any number of traditionally graded credit hours (i.e., grades of A, B+, B, C+, C, D+, D, F) at the time of official grade production are listed on the **President’s Honor List**. Students who have achieved, during Spring 2020 semester, a GPA of 3.5 or higher (3.25 for freshmen) on any number of traditionally graded credit hours (i.e., grades of A, B+, B, C+, C, D+, D, F) at the time of official grade production are listed on the **Dean’s Honor List**.

No course carried on a Pass-Fail or audit basis, taken through correspondence, or passed by examination or exemption will be counted toward the 12 credit hours required for either the President’s or Dean’s Honor List.

Grades of **I** (incomplete) changed to letter grades beyond the semester’s official grade production date will not qualify a student for honors.

Academic Integrity

Students who are found to have violated the academic integrity code will **not** have the option to select grades of “S” or “U” for the Spring 2020 semester for the course(s) in question. If a student participates in the academic integrity hearing process and is found not to be in violation, the student’s grade may be changed via the standard “Grade Change” form.