Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) Pass/Fail Policy for Spring 2020

Q: How will Spring 2020 classes be graded?

A: Spring 2020 classes will be graded as normal, utilizing our letter grading system **unless** you exercise the option to change to a Pass/Fail grade. Undergraduate students can elect the option to take any or all of their current, in-progress spring semester courses on a Pass/Fail basis. Graduate students may take up to two courses P/F. These courses will not count against the normal student cap of 4 courses of P/F credits that can be counted toward degree completion.

Q: Why will students have the option of having Spring 2020 classes changed to P/F grading?

A: The University is giving students this option for Spring 2020 in light of the extraordinary current circumstances. In a new and unfamiliar landscape, we understand the challenges that students have in an alternative learning environment, and stress that this current situation may cause. If you feel that electing to take one or more courses P/F could be a good option for you, please consult with your academic advisor.

Q: What if students **require letter grades for certain courses**, majors, professional programs (Pre-Med, Pre-Dental, Pre-Physical Therapy, Nursing, Pre-Law, etc.), employment or graduate studies?

A: Students who need letter grades for certain programs, can and should maintain their letter grades for their courses. The pass/fail option is simply an option for those who wish to declare it. Please consult with your academic advisor for any additional guidance.

Q: How will this change affect my GPA?

A: Earning a “P” in a course has no effect on your GPA. However, earning an “F”, would have a negative impact on your GPA. Before making the decision to choose to utilize the P/F option, please consult your academic advisor for additional information.

Q: How will this impact my financial aid and scholarships for this academic year?

A: Utilizing the P/F option for your courses, will not impact your financial aid, as long as the courses count towards degree completion, and you earn a “P” in the course. Earning an “F” in a course has the potential to affect aid/scholarships. Please speak with Financial Aid for more direct information regarding your financial aid or scholarships.

Q: If I am a Military/Veteran student am I allowed to take a course P/F?

A: The Department of Veterans Affairs is still reviewing this issue. Before making the decision to convert anything to P/F, please consult with Lindsay Gargotto in the Military/Veteran Services office, as well as your academic advisor for more information, for any possible impact.

Q: What if I am an International student? Am I allowed to take a course P/F?
A: International students are allowed to complete courses P/F. Before making this decision to choose to apply the P/F option please consult with please consult with Theodora Hannan of the International Student Services office, as well as your academic advisor for more information, about any possible impact.

Q: What if I am a student-athlete? Do the NCAA rules allow me to take a course P/F?
A: Student-athletes are allowed to complete courses P/F. Before making the decision to elect the P/F option, please consult with Andrew Schroeder or Natalie Cousin in the Office of Academic & Support Services for Student Athletes in Academic Support for Student Athletes office for more information, for any possible impact.

Q: What if I work for an employer where I receive tuition reimbursement?
A: Before making this decision to choose a course as P/F, please make sure to talk to your employer to see what restrictions may apply to this policy. Also, make sure to talk to your academic advisor for additional guidance.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) Withdrawal Deadline Extension for Spring 2020

Withdrawal Deadline Extension

Q: If I withdraw from a class will this affect my GPA?
A: No. Withdrawing from a class does not affect a student’s GPA’s.

Q: Why has the withdrawal deadline been extended?
A: The University is giving students this option for Spring 2020 in light of the extraordinary current circumstances. In a new and unfamiliar landscape, we understand the challenges that students have in an alternative learning environment, and stress that this current situation may cause. If you feel that withdrawing from a course(s) could be a good option for you, please consult with your academic advisor.

Q: How will this impact my financial aid and scholarships for this academic year?
A: Withdrawing from a course or multiple courses could affect your financial aid/scholarships. Please speak with Financial Aid for more direct information regarding your financial aid or scholarships, and possible impact.

Q: If I am a Military/Veteran student am I allowed to withdraw from a course?
A: Military/Veteran students can withdraw from a course, but certain restrictions may apply. Before making this decision to choose to withdraw from a course, please consult with Lindsay Gargotto in the Military/Veteran Services office, as well as your academic advisor for more information.

Q: If I am an International student, am I allowed to withdraw from a course?
A: International students can withdraw from a course, but certain restrictions may apply. Before making this decision to choose to withdraw from a course, please consult with Theodora Hannan of the International Student Services office, as well as your academic advisor for more information.
Q: What if I am a student-athlete? Do the NCAA rules allow me to withdraw from a course?

A: If you are a student-athlete and considering pursuing a pass/fail and or late withdrawal for a course, please consult with Andrew Schroeder or Natalie Cousin in the Office of Academic & Support Services for Student Athletes before making a final determination.

Q: What if I work for an employer where I get tuition reimbursement?

A: Before making the decision to withdraw from a course please make sure to talk to your employer to see what restrictions may apply to this policy. Also, make sure to talk to your academic advisor for additional guidance.