

Proposed Resolution Amending Fall Pass/Fail Policy for Fall 2020:

Acknowledging that the measures imposed to control the COVID-19 pandemic broadly represent an extenuating circumstance, consistent with the existing Pass/Fail (P/F) policy, at the request of the student, and with permission of the advisor, instructor, and the department chair of the department offering the course, students may change the grade basis of courses to Pass/Fail.

Additionally, for Fall 2020 courses only, the existing P/F policy will be amended to the following:

- The limitation of only five credits per semester for P/F grades will be waived.
- P/F grade basis requests must be initiated by students by the end of the day on Friday, November 20.

Notes and Information for Students, Advisors, Faculty, and Chairs:

- 1) In accordance with a recent clarification to the general P/F policy language, to receive a pass grade in a pass/fail-graded course, students must receive the equivalent of a C- or better. Specifically, D+, D, or F letter grades will not receive credit in a pass/fail-graded course.
- 2) The existing policy limitation that P-graded courses will not count for fulfillment of major, minor, or certificate requirements remains. However, consistent with current practice, department chairs possess discretion to waive specific major requirements. Therefore, for students requesting that P-graded courses count toward major/minor/certificate requirements, chairs possess discretion to grant this waiver request on an individual student and course basis.
- 3) Because of the complexities and potential consequences associated with changing a course grade basis to P/F, prior to requesting a change to P/F grade basis students are strongly encouraged to confer with advisors, instructors, and department chairs to understand the implications (especially to professional program and major requirements) of a change of the grade basis of a course to P/F. Please note, for these reasons, departments may not approve P/F requests for all courses.
- 4) All approved requests to change the grade basis of a course to P/F are final and changing back to the A-F grade basis will not be possible after a change to P/F basis is approved.
- 5) Management of requests to change a grade basis to P/F will occur through an electronic form. Students will initiate the request through this electronic form, and it will be automatically routed to the advisor, instructor, and department chair for approvals. As noted above, for the purpose of Fall 2020 courses, all P/F grade basis requests must be initiated by students by the end of the day on Friday, November 20.

Addendum:

Proposal to Extended the Late Withdrawal Deadline for Fall 2020

For the Fall 2020 semester, the deadline to late withdraw from a 16-week course will be extended to Friday, November 20, 2020. A late withdrawal will still result in a student earning a grade of W.