

University Senate Executive Committee
March 17, 2020
Proposed Temporary By-Law Change (existing by-law included below)

Motion Passed by the University Senate via Electronic Vote
68 in favor / 4 opposed

II.E.3.b: For Spring semester 2020 only, the usual limitations on students for electing to take courses on a Pass-Fail basis will be suspended. Individual schools and colleges will determine which courses may count toward major and minor requirements if taken Pass-Fail. General Education courses which are taken Pass-Fail will count toward the general education requirements. The 26-credit and scholastic probation restrictions are suspended. Pass-Fail courses from the Spring 2020 Semester will not count toward the three-course limit. Students may elect Pass-Fail grading at any time through the last day of classes of Spring 2020. In the event that students select Pass-Fail grading, the course is graded in the usual way by the instructor; and the instructor submits a letter grade. This letter grade is translated into a P (D- or above) or remains an F. In neither event will a course taken under the Pass-Fail option be included in the computation of the semester or cumulative grade point average, but a grade below C makes the student ineligible for Dean's List. Students should consult with their advisors before electing to complete courses on a Pass-Fail basis.

Existing By-Law:

b. Grades not used to calculate the GPA Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory. The S/U grade designation is determined by the faculty; it is not a student-determined option. This grade designation is available only for courses that have been approved as such by the Senate Curricula and Courses Committee. Instructors assign a grade of S to represent satisfactory work or U to represent unsatisfactory work to students. These courses may or may not award credit, but in neither case will grade points be awarded. No course used for fulfillment of the general education requirements may be assigned an S/U grade.

Pass-Fail Option. A student who has earned at least 26 credits and is not on scholastic probation may elect a maximum of 12 credits to be distributed over not more than three courses, to be recorded as P for Pass or F for Fail on his or her permanent record. Courses taken Pass-Fail may only be used as electives; they may not be used to satisfy general education, school/college, major or minor requirements. Students who are selecting a course for the Pass-Fail option must do so within the first two weeks of the semester. Students who are removing a course from the Pass-Fail option must do so within the first nine weeks of the semester. For courses taught outside of the fall and spring semesters, these deadlines will be adjusted in a pro-rated fashion by the Registrar.

During the semester the student completes the course and is graded in the usual way by the instructor; and the instructor submits a letter grade (per 3a, above). This letter grade is

translated into a P (D- or above) or remains an F. In neither event will a course taken under the Pass-Fail option be included in the computation of the semester or cumulative grade point average, but a grade below C makes the student ineligible for Dean's List. The individual schools and colleges have the privilege of adopting the Pass-Fail option with or without supplementary restrictions. Students are referred to the detailed statements of the various schools in the University Catalog for such restrictions.