

**Pass/Fail Grading Option**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q1) Is my academic program offering the Pass/Fail grading option for the Spring 2020 Semester?**

Academic Program	Pass/Fail Option
Civil Engineering	No
Computer Engineering	Certain courses only
Computer Science	Certain courses only
Electrical Engineering	Certain courses only
Environmental Engineering	No
Geomatics Engineering	No
Mechanical Engineering	Yes
Ocean Engineering	Yes
General Studies	Yes, but only if the concentration is being given in a discipline that is allowing this option. See above.

**Please note the following exceptions for ALL majors:**

1. Due to how the Gordon Rule is established at the state level, students need a C or better in 6 foundational courses and will continue to receive standard letter grades - students cannot opt into a P/F grade option for these courses.
2. IFP math and science courses will retain the standard letter grades. Courses are as follows: MAC 1147, MAC 2210, MAC 2311, MAC 2312, MAC 2313, PHY 2044, PHY 2048/2049 and corresponding labs, and CHM 2045 and corresponding labs.
3. Fundamentals of Engineering (EGN 1002) will retain standard letter grades.

**Q2) How does the “P” Grade get incorporated in my GPA?**

The “P” grade will be awarded credit but will not be counted in calculating the GPA.

**Q3) I am currently retaking a course and plan to use Grade Forgiveness on a prior attempt. If I choose the Pass/Fail Grade Option and earn a Passing Grade, can I use the “P” grade?**

Yes, it will remove the prior failing grade from your GPA. However, the “P” Grade does not count towards your GPA so you may not necessarily receive the full benefit of receiving a passing letter grade that can raise your GPA.

**Q4) Does the “F” Grade count in my GPA?**

Yes. Students who do not achieve passing work receive a grade of "F," which represents failing work and will be counted when calculating the grade point average.

**Q5) Do all my courses have to be either Pass/Fail Grade Option OR standard letter grades?**

No. If your major allows the Pass/Fail Grade Option, aside from program restrictions that prohibit Pass/Fail Grades in certain courses, you can choose which courses will be P/F option. Therefore, some courses can follow the standard letter grade option and some courses can follow the Pass/Fail option.

- Q6) I may opt for a mix of standard letter grades and Pass/Fail grades. How will this impact my GPA?**  
You can calculate your potential term GPA using this [GPA calculation tool](#). The wrong mix of graded and Pass/Fail coursework may lead to a poor term GPA.
- Q7) I am hoping to get on the Dean's List and/or President's List. Can I use the Pass/Fail Grade Option?**  
It depends on how many credits you are taking, The Dean's List and President's list require a minimum of 12 credit hours of Standard graded coursework.
- Q8) If I choose the Pass/Fail Grade Option, will this negatively impact my graduate school application?**  
It may. It is advised that you should not choose the Pass/Fail option in courses required for admission to those degrees. You should research your specific program of interest for admissions requirements.
- Q9) I receive financial aid and scholarships and have questions about how the Pass/Fail grade option may impact my funding. Where can I find more information about this?**  
You must still comply with financial aid and scholarship requirements. Visit [www.fau.edu/finaid/](http://www.fau.edu/finaid/) for more details.
- Q10) What is the deadline to register for the Pass/Fail Grade Option?**  
The deadline is April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Q11) I am still not sure which grading option is best for me. Who can I speak with?**  
This is definitely an important decision that has long-term implications and merits further consideration. You can make an appointment with your academic advisor via the Success Network.
- Q12) I chose to select the Pass/Fail Grade Option for some/all of my courses and it was approved and submitted. I want to change my mind and withdraw my form. Can I?**  
No. Once your form has been submitted and approved, it is a final decision and you cannot revert to the standard grading option.
- Q13) I know the deadline was April 22<sup>nd</sup> but I would like to submit the online form for the Pass/Fail Grade Option. Can I still submit?**  
No. April 22<sup>nd</sup> was the final deadline as the university needs sufficient time to process and place in the system.
- Q14) Final grades were released and I received a better grade than I expected. Can I change the Pass/Fail Grade Option and return to the standard letter grade?**  
No, once the form is submitted and approved, it is final.
- Q15) Final grades were released and I did not do as well as expected. Can I still apply for a Pass/Fail Grade Option?**  
No, the deadline was April 22<sup>nd</sup>.