

Spring 2020

Withdraw Date and Pass /Fail Grading. [Registrar's FAQ Here](#)

Withdraw Date

Single course withdraw date was extended to May 2, 2020.

Pass/Fail Grading

The deadline to drop or change a class to be graded as Pass/Fail: May 2nd.

- Only grades of “C” or higher will be equivalent to a “P” grade. Future prerequisite requirements of “C or better” will be met if a passing grade is earned.
- Courses that earn a “P” will satisfy requirements for degrees (including students’ majors and minors) and satisfy Liberal Studies and Diversity requirements. Furthermore, the current limit of 24 units of “P/F” grades will not include grades in Spring 2020 coursework.
- If a student selects the “P/F” option and earns a “D” grade, they will receive a “D.”
- “P” grades do earn credit but do not count in GPA calculations. “D” grades do earn credit and also count in GPA calculations. “F” grades do not earn credit but do count in GPA calculations.

Department Specific Guidelines

- Nursing:
 - Nursing students need a letter grade in their prerequisite courses that are taken through NAU to be considered for admission.
- Dental Hygiene:
 - The DH department has announced that P/F is acceptable and will be worth zero points on the DH application.
- Physical Therapy
 - Pass/Fail: Conversion of any DPT course from letter grades to a P/F is not permitted. For prospective students: P/F for the Spring 2020 semester for courses, including prerequisites, will be permitted.
- Physician Assistant Studies
 - The NAU PA program requires all prerequisite coursework to be completed with a letter (A, B, C, D) or numerical (4.0, 3.0, 2.0, 1.0) grade. Prerequisite courses completed with Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit are accepted only by permission of the department. Exception to this policy includes advanced placement (AP) credit, which is accepted under certain conditions
- Communication Science Disorders:
 - P/F not recommended, but considered on a case by case basis.

- Mechanical Engineering:
 - Students who decide to take a P/F for a course within the ME foundational courses (MAT 136, MAT 137, CS 122, PHY 161, PHY 262, CENE 251, MAT 238, and ME 240) will not be used in the ME GPA. This means that all other courses would be calculated to determine if the student meets the 2.65 GPA. It is wise for students to talk to their academic advisor about their specific situation since this policy could be of benefit or detrimental to individual students.
- Student-Athletes:
 - Generally, student-athletes should not take the P/F option, and absolutely must speak to their [Student Athlete](#) Coordinator prior to submitting the P/F request.
- Honors Courses: a “P” will be accepted for Honors coursework for the Spring 2020 term only
 - The Honors College will accept transfer of Honors credits with a grade of 'P,' but GPA will continue to be an important criterion for transfer admissions to the College.
- Premed:
 - Students should wait until closer to the deadline to change to Pass/Fail so they are really clear about their final spring grades. For example, a “B” would be preferable to a “Pass” on a transcript because a “Pass” could potentially translate to a “C” on a student’s future application.
 - Students should check program requirements at their intended destination. Policies vary by school and are frequently changing. [Here is a list](#) of each professional program with information and links to updates on how COVID-19 will impact their applicants.
- Forestry:
 - Forestry will accept a “P” as meeting prerequisites; however, they will default the grade to a C when calculating GPA. Students need to have a 2.75 GPA or better in their pre-professional coursework.
- Global Languages / Retrocredit:
 - Students who applied for Retrocredit should NOT take the P/F option in their qualifying class if they are receiving an A or B. If there are unusual circumstances, we will try to work with students on an individual basis.
- Professional Education Programs (PEP):
 - If the Major Requirement indicates a grade of C or higher is required then a grade of “P” would be accepted since “P” or Pass equates to a grade of A, B, or C.
 - If the Major Requirement indicates that a grade of B or higher is required then a Pass would not be accepted as meeting the requirement. In those cases, please keep the letter grade option for those classes. (Ex: ENG 105)
 - Also, minimum cumulative, liberal studies, and/or content major coursework GPAs still apply. “P” grades are not calculated into GPAs so grades of “P” neither improve nor reduce a GPA, while “D” and “F” grades are calculated into GPAs.
- Business Professional Programs (W.A. Franke College of Business):
 - P’s will be considered as a “C” grade. FCB does not recommend students opt for the P/F option as these grades will count towards their BPP calculation.
- Social Work:
 - Social Work will accept Pass grades for SW 321 and SW 220 for the Spring 2020 semester for program requirements for progression into BSW program and Field Education.