

## **PASS/FAIL POLICY for SPRING 2020**

**Undergraduate and Graduate Students: Effective immediately, all undergraduate and graduate students will be permitted to convert any of their courses to pass/fail grading for this semester only.** All courses for which you receive passing (P) grades will count toward degree requirements, which overrides some departmental or college policies **unless** the department or college has evidence that their accrediting agency will not allow P/F grades. There is no limit on the number of courses you can convert to pass/fail grading this semester. You can make the decision on a course-by-course basis. At the undergraduate level, all grades of D- or better in a course for which you elect the pass/fail grade will convert to P. At the graduate level, the grade for which a P can be assigned if you elect to have your course be pass/fail is a C- or better.

You may request to move your courses to pass/fail as late as the last day of classes, April 21. (Please note: we are working on the process by which you will make this request through the registrar's office; we will let you know when we have the process completed).

Students should seek advice about the ramifications of switching to P/F if they anticipate applying to graduate/professional programs or if they must achieve a certain GPA to remain in good academic standing. **Pass grades do not impact your GPA, for better or worse. But F grades will lower your GPA. Thus, you must still do your work in order not to fail, but a D is as good as an A for a pass.**

**The professional schools will make their own decisions, but are encouraged to grant students leniency within their accrediting and professional standards.**

The university's accrediting body, SACSOC, has indicated that conferring pass/fail grades could be considered a reasonable exception, and there is nothing in their policies to prohibit this temporary policy. If a program with an external accrediting body believes that body will not allow P/F grades in a particular course, the program should check with the external accrediting body to see if there are exceptions being granted due to the extraordinary circumstance of the coronavirus this term; if no exceptions are being made by the accrediting body, departments should provide evidence to the dean of the unit and students in those particular classes should be notified that P/F is not an option. Otherwise, all undergraduate and graduate courses should be eligible for the P/F option.