

Spring 2020 Undergraduate Pass/Fail FAQ

Q: Pass/fail classes don't apply to a major. Does that rule still apply?

A: No. Any major classes taken with the pass/fail option during spring 2020 will be applied towards your major.

Q: How will Pass/Fail classes be graded?

A: Faculty members will continue to record letter grades. For any classes for which you select the pass/fail option, any grade above the F will be reflected on your record as a P. Any classes for which an F has been assigned will appear as such.

Q: Can I take all of my classes for Spring 2020 as Pass/Fail?

A: Yes. You may select the pass/fail grading basis for any or all of your classes for the Spring 2020 semester.

Q: Will these courses count toward my degree requirements?

A: Yes. If you select the pass/fail grading basis option, the course will count toward all appropriate degree requirements as if you had taken it on a graded basis. This also applies to major/minor requirements. The degree audit will be updated to reflect the change in pass/fail rules for the Spring 2020 semester.

Q: How will the changes to pass/fail affect pre-requisites during registration in the future?

A: Students may still take the pre-req course as a pass/fail, but the letter grade earned will be notated in the system and be used to determine eligibility for registration purposes in the future.

Q: How will the changes to pass/fail affect repeated credit?

A: If you are repeating a course and select the pass/fail grading basis for your repeated course (taken Spring 2020), then the grade for your previous attempt will no longer be factored into your GPA. If you earn a grade of F under the pass/fail option this semester, the F will be factored into your GPA.

Q: What if students require letter grades for professional programs, employment or graduate studies at a later date?

A: We have provided a list of classes that are not allowed to be taken Pass/Fail due to accreditation or graduate school policies. However, if you are not a part of one of those programs and take a Pass/Fail course and later need that grade, we will have the letter grade recorded. It will be possible for students to request an official letter attesting those grades should that be necessary. We will ensure that those who need evidence of your academic achievements this spring will be able to get it.

Q: I am considering applying to grad school or medical school. Can I choose the pass/fail grading basis for my classes?

A: Please consult the list of classes that should not be taken Pass/Fail or speak with your adviser and/or the pre-professional advisor.

Q: How will this change affect my GPA?

A: The P grade is not counted in the grade point average nor used in the determination of honors. The grade of F earned under the pass/fail option is included in the calculation of the grade point average.

Q: How will this change affect Latin honors for graduation?

A: Any course for which you select the pass/fail grading basis during the Spring 2020 semester will not be factored into the GPA calculations for Latin honors unless you earn an F. Please note that Latin honors for Spring 2020 graduates will be awarded based on the cumulative GPA at the end of the Spring 2020 semester.

Q: If I receive a high final grade in a course that I have designated for pass/fail, may I later ask to substitute that grade for the grade of P?

A: No, once you have asked for pass/fail status in a course, you cannot later change to a letter grade. However, if you later learn you need proof of the letter grade earned, we will be able to provide you proof of this grade.

Q: If I select pass/fail grading for a class during the Spring 2020 semester, will I be able to repeat the course for a letter grade in a future semester?

A: Yes, you will be able to repeat a course in a future term for which you select the pass/fail grading option during the Spring 2020 semester.

Q: Are these changes to the pass/fail rules permanent?

A: No, these changes are for the Spring 2020 semester only due to the impact of COVID-19.

Q: What is the deadline for selecting pass/fail options for my Spring 2020 class schedule?

A: The deadline is April 29 at 11:59 p.m (CDT).

Q: How will I make changes to pass/fail for my Spring 2020 class schedule?

A: You need to submit the Pass/Fail form that was sent to you. You can also retrieve this form off of the Registrar's Forms webpage at <https://www.evansville.edu/registrar/forms.cfm>

Q: How will I know which of my Spring 2020 classes can be changed to pass/fail?

A: You will be able to select the pass/fail grading basis for any class that is not on the list of classes that can't be taken pass/fail. You were sent this list or you can see it on the Registrar's Forms webpage.

Q: Do I have to make all of my pass/fail selections at the same time?

A: No. You do not have to submit all changes at once. You may submit another application before April 29th at 11:59 p.m. to make additional selections.

Q: How do I know if my selections have been processed?

A: Log into Self Service, select your class on your calendar and the Section Detail will display. The Grading column will display Pass/Fail, if the course has been changed. If it says Graded, then it will be graded with a letter grade.

Q: How will the changes to the undergraduate pass/fail grading impact students who were at Harlaxton during the Spring 2020 semester?

A: Students who were at Harlaxton during the Spring 2020 semester may select the Pass/Fail option. Harlaxton students who are not UE students need to check with their home institution prior to signing up for this option.

Q: I am an international student. Will changing my classes to pass/fail grading basis for the Spring 2020 impact my visa status?

A: As long as you remain enrolled as a full-time student, changing your enrollments to pass/fail grading basis for the Spring 2020 semester will not impact your status.

Q: Who do I contact I have further questions about the changes to pass/fail options for the Spring 2020 semester?

A: Please contact Academic Services at academicservices@evansville.edu