



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

## Interim Undergraduate and Graduate Grading Policy Update

(This policy does not apply to Professional Schools)

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What does a Pass/No Pass Grade (P/NP) mean?

Pass and No Pass grades do NOT count toward the grade point average (GPA).

- **PASS Grade-** Students receiving a P grade will receive academic credit; however, it does not impact the GPA. In addition, students with Pass grades have successfully met the course requirements.
- **NO PASS Grade-** Students receiving an NP grade will not receive academic credit and it does not impact GPA. The course would need to be taken over if listed as a degree requirement.

#### What is the grading scale for a P grade?

In order to receive a P grade, students must earn either an A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, or D-. These grades are considered passing. Students in graduate classes must earn a C grade or better to receive a P if they opt into the P/NP option. However, for major core courses any D grade may not be considered passing. For courses in your major or in your minor, grades of C or better are required for Pass, where grades of C-, D+, D, D- and F will be No Pass. Please check with your academic advisor.

Special note for graduate students: A P grade for graduate students means a grade of C or better (including C-). A grade below the standard of a C- cannot be counted towards the hours required for graduation for graduate students. It is also important for graduate students to be aware that, should they be on probation, any grades of P will not have any effect on their GPA.

#### How does the Pass/No Pass (P/NP) grade option work?

- Students have the “option” to opt into the P/NP grade system, or keep their regular letter grade (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F).
- Students may pick and choose as to which class they would like to receive the P/NP grade.

#### What if I don't want to select an option?

If an option is not selected, students will receive their regular grade earned in the course (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F).

**I would like to keep my regular grade so that it will count toward my GPA.**

This is perfectly fine. Students may receive their letter grade of (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F).

**Can I mix and match the P/NP grade with the regular letter grading system?**

Yes. Students can elect to earn their letter grade in one course, and select the P/NP option in another course. For example, a student may decide to receive a letter grade (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F) earned in one class, and a P/NP grade in another course.

**What is the deadline to select an option?**

An option must be selected by **April 30**. If one is not selected, the standard grading scale will apply (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F).

**I've decided to drop my class. Is there a new deadline?**

**April 30**. The deadline for Drops has been extended to April 30.

**What if I decide to drop all of my classes?**

Dropping all of your classes is considered withdrawing from the university. Please see your academic advisor if you are considering this option.

**I'm repeating this course. Is a Pass grade acceptable?**

Yes. A Pass grade means that you have successfully met the requirements of the course.

**Can I change my grade option after it's been submitted? For example, what if I would like to now receive my letter grade instead of the P/NP?**

No. Once an option has been submitted, you cannot change the request later.

**I'm on Academic Probation and must raise my GPA in order to receive financial aid. What option should I choose?**

Students will need to speak with the Office of Financial Aid to determine how the grade options might affect their financial aid eligibility.

**How are Incomplete Grades handled?**

An Incomplete grade may be given at the discretion of the faculty member, and must be agreed upon by both the instructor and student. Please refer to the catalog policy regarding Incompletes.

**Does the P/NP grade apply to all TSU courses?**

No, only undergraduate and graduate courses. This policy does not apply to the Professional Schools - The Law School and the Pharmacy Program.

**How long will this policy be in place?**

This grading policy is temporary and in response to the emergency situation surrounding COVID-19. Many institutions across the state of Texas have implemented similar measures in order to best support students during this time.

**What if I have additional questions?**

Please contact your academic dean's office and/or your academic advisor with specific questions.

