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Updated: Pass/Fail Grading Option for Undergraduate Students

Dear Millersville University Students,

After receiving feedback on our plan to provide students with the option to receive P/F grades for Spring 2020, the university has decided to change the deadline for students to make that decision. Students will now have the opportunity to view the final calculated letter grade assigned by their instructors before choosing between the calculated grade and the P/F option.

To ensure that all students have the opportunity to successfully complete the semester, the university will allow all undergraduate students the opportunity to receive Pass/Fail grades in any or all of their Spring 2020 classes, whether the course was moved to remote learning or was initially planned to be taught online. This opportunity will only apply to Spring 2020 courses. If you wish to select the Pass/Fail option for any of your courses, you will need to submit your request through an electronic form that will be available on Friday, May 15. The form will allow you to change the assigned letter grade you received in a course to a "P." The deadline to submit your requests is 5:00 PM on Friday, May 22. Those who do not submit requests for Pass/Fail grades by this deadline will receive the letter grade earned in the course.

If you choose the Pass/Fail option, you will receive a P in any course in which your earned grade is D- or better. However, you must satisfy any specific course requirements that usually require a C- or better. If you choose the Pass/Fail option for a course that requires a C-, you may not use your P grade to fulfill the program requirement or prerequisites for other courses, and you may need to repeat the course. The P would not impact your GPA, however.

Students who are currently on probation, or have a GPA below 2.0, may have their financial aid impacted by choosing the Pass/Fail option. Please contact the Financial Aid Office before submitting your choices. We also strongly recommend that you speak with your advisor before making your final decision.

The Pass/Fail option will apply to any course, regardless of course level, Gen Ed requirement, your current GPA, or the number of credits you have earned to date. Courses taken P/F in Spring 2020 will not count toward the two-course maximum Millersville usually allows. You may apply your P grade toward your major, minor, professional studies, or general education requirements. We are providing special accommodations to our graduating Seniors. If you have completed all of your graduation requirements by the end of Summer Session 3, the minimum grade rule will not apply. You may use your P grades from Spring 2020 for any program or course requirements, including any courses that require a specific minimum letter grade.

We wish you all the best for a successful Spring semester. Your health and safety is our primary focus as we work together to mitigate the impact of the corona virus pandemic on your academic progress.

Stay healthy and safe.

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<https://blogs.millersville.edu/villedaily/files/2020/04/Updated-pass.fail -1.pdf>