



Summary of College and Departmental Pass/Fail Restrictions for Undergraduate Students

Revised guidelines for Spring 2021 – please read carefully!

The University's standing pass/fail policy has been relaxed again for the Spring 2021 semester as follows:

- **Undergraduate students** may opt for a pass/fail grading basis in as many classes as they wish. Only one of these P/F courses will count towards the 8 course P/F limit.

The deadline for declaring pass/fail is May 12, 2021. The deadline for withdrawing from a course is May 12, 2021.

Please note, however: All students should carefully *consult with their advisor(s)* before making decisions to declare pass/fail in any course, as choosing this option may have important consequences for progression in their major, minor, or graduate program, as well as for such considerations as financial aid, immigration status, cumulative GPA and academic standing, and eventual applications for further post-graduate study.

Some majors and minors have placed limits on the number of P/F courses that may be counted towards that program. Please read the applicable information below carefully before consulting with your advisor about any potential P/F decisions.

Undergraduate Students

Below is a compendium of how the relaxed pass/fail restrictions will be implemented in Spring 2021 by majors, minors, tracks, and/or concentrations in each college or school. Please note that any restrictions below apply only to majors or minors in the specified department; students taking the restricted courses *for general education credit or as electives outside their own majors may take these courses pass/fail.*

- **College of Education and Human Development**

- *All undergraduate programs:* There are no restrictions on the number of pass/fail courses taken this semester that can be counted towards any undergraduate major, minor, track, or concentration in CEHD.

- **College of Liberal Arts**

- *Department of Art:* Majors/minors may count courses taken pass/fail toward their major or minor *only with prior departmental permission*, to be decided on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the student's major/minor advisor.
- *Department of Communication:* Majors/minors may not take the core requirements COMM100, COMM105, COMM200, COMM230, COMM351, or COMM480 as pass/fail, to fulfill the requirements of the major or minor.
- *Department of Economics:* For Spring, 2021, majors/minors may not take the required core courses or their equivalent courses (ECON 101, ECON 102, ECON 201, ECON 202, and ECON 205) as pass/fail to fulfill the requirements of the major or minor.
- *Department of English:* Undergraduates pursuing teacher licensure may not take the Practicum pass/fail; there are no other restrictions on the number of courses taken pass/fail this semester that may be counted towards the English major, minor, or concentration.
- *Department of History:* Majors/minors may not take History 481 as pass/fail to fulfill the requirements of the major or minor; there are no other restrictions on the number of courses taken pass/fail this semester that may be counted towards the History major, minor, or concentration.
- *Department of Performing Arts:* Majors/minors may not take any required courses pass/fail to fulfill the requirements of the major/minor; exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the student's major/minor advisor.
- *Department of Philosophy:* Students may count a **total** of no more than two courses taken pass/fail towards the major or minor.
- *Department of Psychology:* The Psychology Department normally allows only one class taken P/F to count toward their major. Although they relaxed this rule for courses taken P/F in Spring 2020, they will not relax it again for Spring 2021. Therefore, with the exception of any courses taken P/F in Spring 2020, students may count a total of only ONE class taken P/F toward the major over their UG career.

- *All other undergraduate programs in the College of Liberal Arts:* There are no restrictions on the number of pass/fail courses taken this semester that can be counted towards any undergraduate major, minor, track, or concentration in CLA (beyond those listed above). However, all students must consult with their advisor and/or the instructor in the course before making their decisions.
- **College of Management**
 - *All undergraduate majors, minors, concentrations, and tracks:* Students may not take BC230 or BC290 as pass/fail to fulfill the requirements of any major, minor, concentration, or track in any major in this college; students must earn a B- or better in these courses to progress in their program of study. There are no other restrictions on the number of courses taken pass/fail this semester that may be counted towards the Management major, minor, concentrations, or tracks.
- **College of Nursing and Health Sciences**
 - *All majors, minors, tracks, and concentrations:* Pre-existing restrictions on the pass/fail option remain in effect; see your department's web page for details.
- **College of Science and Mathematics**
 - *Biochemistry, Biology:* The Biology Department normally allows only one class taken P/F to count toward their major. For the Spring 2021 semester (as in Spring 2021), students may count any number of courses taken P/F toward the major or minor. These P/F courses will NOT count as the one allowable P/F. Please note that there are courses required for the major from other departments (Chemistry, Math, and Physics), and in some cases those departments have grade requirements at levels higher than passing (C or better, for example) to proceed into advanced level courses. Students need to consult with those departments to determine whether those courses can be taken P/F.
 - *Chemistry and Physics* majors may count required courses taken pass/fail toward the major or minor; see your department's web page and consult with your academic advisor for details, as some of these courses will allow progression to the next-level requirement only if the letter grade submitted by the faculty member (before conversion to P/F) meets pre-existing minimum progress levels.
 - *Engineering and Information Technology:* Pre-existing restrictions on courses that may be taken pass/fail remain in effect; see your department's web page for details.
 - *Computer Science:* Students may not take any CS or MATH course as pass/fail to fulfill the requirements of the CS major or minor; non-CS/Math courses required for the CS major may be taken pass/fail; see your department's web page and consult with your academic advisor for details, as some of these courses will allow progression to the next-level requirement only if the letter grade submitted by the faculty member (before conversion to P/F) meets pre-existing minimum progress levels.
 - *Mathematics:* No courses that are intended to count towards the Mathematics major or minor may be taken pass/fail.
- **Honors College**
 - There are no restrictions on the number of pass/fail courses taken this semester that can be counted towards completion of Honors College curricular requirements, with the exception that:
 - A senior thesis being completed through the Honors College (i.e., not through the student's major department) cannot be taken P/F.
 - Senior theses being completed through the student's major department will be subject to the P/F rule on senior theses adopted by the department.
- **McCormack Graduate School**
 - *Global Aging and Life Course Studies:* There are no restrictions on the number of pass/fail courses taken this semester that can be counted towards this major.
 - *Online Global Affairs:* Students must have prior written permission from the Global Affairs Program Advisor to count more than one course taken pass/fail towards this major.
- **School for the Environment**
 - *All undergraduate programs in the School for the Environment:* Students may count a total of no more than one course taken pass/fail during the Spring 2021 semester towards any undergraduate major, minor, or certificate in SFE.