

SPRING 2020 PASS/NO PASS GRADING POLICY

The Academic Senate at UCI, which governs academic regulations at UC Irvine, has authorized adjustments to existing undergraduate regulations on Pass/No Pass grades (P/NP) for the Spring 2020 quarter only as follows:

- All undergraduate courses will offer P/NP grading as an option. It is the student's choice as to whether they wish to take the course for a letter grade or P/NP.
- Academic deans and departments are encouraged, but not required, to allow courses taken P/NP to fulfill school and major requirements.
- Students will be able to change their grade options, both letter grade to P/NP and P/NP to letter grade through the end of the 10th week (before 5PM).
- Courses taken P/NP will not count toward the 12-unit overall graduation cap on these courses.
- Students on academic probation may enroll in courses with the P/NP option in the Spring 2020 term.
- Courses to complete General Education Category I: Writing must be completed with a grade of "C" or better ("P" for pass, if taking it for P/NP)



GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT PASS/NO PASS? READ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BELOW.

PLEASE NOTE: For SPRING QUARTER 2020 ONLY, the School of Biological Sciences will allow "P" for PASS to count towards Change of Major Requirements, School, and Major Requirements. It is important when making the decision that you keep the following in mind:

+ WHAT DOES THE SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES RECOMMEND?

- It is recommended that you plan to take Major and School requirement courses for a grade. Then, see how you are doing in the courses throughout the quarter. You have until Friday of Week 10 (before 5PM) to change the grade option of a course. (No grade option changes can be made after that time.)
- A grading option cannot be changed after grades have been assigned. If you earn a Pass, this notation cannot be changed to a letter grade after the quarter has ended. If you earn a letter grade, this notation cannot be changed to a Pass/No Pass after the quarter has ended.

+ WHAT IF I AM ON AN ACADEMIC CONTRACT?

- A Pass will not impact your GPAs. If you are on an academic contract for cumulative and/or Bio GPA you should plan to take course(s) for grades.

+ HOW DOES THIS OPTION AFFECT COURSE CREDIT?

- To receive a "P" for Pass and to get credit/units, you must earn a grade equivalency of a "C" or better.
- *If a course is taken for a grade:*
 - ⇒ A minimum grade of "D-" is required to earn course and unit credit, for all courses, unless the Department has a different grading policy.
 - This is especially important to note for graduating students, who are trying to fulfill their last requirements to graduate.
 - ⇒ Chemistry courses require a minimum grade of "C-" to continue to the next course(s) in the series.
 - If you choose to take a Chemistry course P/NP and earn the equivalency of a "C-", this will be a No Pass and you will not be able to continue to the next Chemistry course(s).
 - ⇒ Writing courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better ("P" for pass, if taking it for P/NP)

+ HOW DOES THIS AFFECT REPEATING COURSES?

- If you earn a Pass for a course, this course cannot be repeated at UCI.
- If you are repeating a course that was originally for a LETTER GRADE, you must retake the course for a LETTER GRADE ONLY, no exceptions.

+ WILL HEALTH PROFESSION PROGRAMS ACCEPT PREREQUISITES COMPLETED AS PASS/NO PASS?

- Each program/institution sets its own policies regarding the acceptance of Pass/No Pass grades. We recommend students consult the websites of schools they are interested in applying to for more information.
- Until more information is available from the prospective admissions administrations, we encourage students to enroll in pre-admission courses for a letter grade.
- It is important when reviewing admissions updates to thoroughly read each institution's policy to accurately interpret information. Some institutions may accept Pass/No Pass (commonly also known as Pass/Fail) grading option if it is the **only** grading option for spring 2020. For UC Irvine students Pass/No Pass is a grading **option**. For more information about COVID-19 Spring 2020 Pass/No Pass Grading at UC Irvine visit https://www.reg.uci.edu/addl/faq_covid_pnp.html.

SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES MAJORS, WHO STILL HAVE QUESTIONS AFTER CAREFULLY READING THE ABOVE POLICY CHANGE AND THE REGISTRAR'S FAQs, CAN CONTACT BIO SCI STUDENT AFFAIRS FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[HTTPS://WWW.BIO.UCI.EDU/UNDERGRADUATES/COUNSELING](https://www.bio.uci.edu/undergraduates/counseling) .