



SPRING 2020 SEMESTER INTERIM PASS/NO PASS POLICY

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought many challenges and hardships for students. To help with these difficult times, an Interim Pass/No Pass Policy has been created for the spring 2020 semester. It is recommended that students consult with their academic and program advisors prior to choosing the Pass/No Pass option.

1. Students enrolled in courses for credit will be provided the option to declare one or more of their courses as Pass or No Pass **AFTER GRADES ARE MADE AVAILABLE** by submitting the Pass/No Pass form to the Registrar's Office.
2. This Interim Pass/No Pass Policy changes the minimum grade for a "Pass" from "C-" to "D."
3. Some courses are not recommended to be taken Pass/No Pass option due to external considerations related to pre-professional, major advancement, licensure, and/or certification requirements. However, with prior approval from department chair or Dean, students may choose to seek the Pass/No Pass option for these courses as well. This includes courses in the Carol and Odis Peavy School of Nursing, the Honors Program, MATH 1431, MATH1432, BIOL 1351/1151, BIOL 1352/1152, CHEM 1341/1141, CHEM 1342/1142, COMSC 1450 and COMSC 1351.
4. Courses being retaken to replace a prior grade may not be changed to Pass/No Pass. Courses changed to a Pass/No Pass grading basis may only be repeated for a letter grade.
5. A grade of "P" earns credit hour(s), but does not affect the GPA. A grade of "NP" earns no credit hour(s) and is not computed in the GPA.

DEADLINE

The last day to submit the Pass/No Pass form is May 26, 2020 by 5:00 p.m. CST.

GENERAL PROCESS

1. Student consults with academic and/or program advisor to discuss eligible courses for Pass/No Pass option and to identify potential problems that declaring Pass/No Pass for other courses might create for graduate and professional school program applications, professional certifications, licensures, residencies, etc.
2. Faculty submit letter grades to Registrar's Office as scheduled (by May 18, 2020). These grades will be released to students on May 19 prior to 5:00 p.m. (CST).
3. Student's Pass/No Pass form must be received by the Registrar's Office by 5:00 p.m. (CST) May 26, 2020.
4. Courses selected for the Pass/No Pass option will be recorded as "Pass" or "No Pass" based on the letter grade submitted by the instructor. If the letter grade earned is a D or higher, then the grade of "Pass" is entered on the transcript. If the letter grade earned is an F, then the grade of "No Pass" is entered on the transcript. The reported letter grade will be preserved as part of the student's official record to facilitate potential future advising and/or transfer purposes.

UST GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Each graduate program at the University will advise students as to eligibility for a non-qualitative binary grade option, *as changes could impact certification and licensing requirements*. Students should contact their graduate program advisors for guidance.

DEANS LIST ELIGIBILITY

For the spring 2020 semester only, a student who chooses to take a course under the Pass/No Pass Option must have a minimum of twelve (12) graded credit hours to be considered for the Dean's List.

FINANCIAL AID AND UST SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit scholarship and other sources of financial aid renewal will continue based on a student's calculated GPA and completion of credit hours; therefore, changing to Pass/No Pass will not impact renewal. Students still need to meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress requirement. Failure to do so would result in loss of aid, including merit scholarships. Please see the University policy on [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) posted on the UST webpage.