Pass/Fail Grading Options

The following list of departments offer pass/fail grading options. Departments determine which courses to include as pass/fail and under what conditions.

**COMMUNICATION** - All courses except Communication 101 are available on pass-fail. Courses taken on pass-fail count neither toward fulfillment of General Degree Requirements nor toward major/minor requirements.

**COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS** - A student with the necessary prerequisites (and according to regulations on page 31 of the 2005-2007 catalog) may take on a pass-fail basis any CIS course provided it is not required for his/her CIS major or minor or by another department which does not allow the pass-fail option.

**DANCE** - All courses available on P-F option.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE** - All Foreign Language courses are available on pass-fail. Courses taken on pass-fail do not count toward fulfillment of the General Degree requirements or Major/Minor requirements.

**FORESTRY** - All courses available on P-F option except those courses required in any Natural Resources major and/or minor.

**GEOGRAPHY** - No 300 or 400 level geography courses taken on a pass/fail basis may be credited toward the geography major or minor, geology minor, earth science minor, or GIS & Spatial Analysis minor.

**GEOLOGY** - No 300 or 400 level geology courses taken on a pass/fail basis may be credited toward the geography major or minor, geology minor, earth science minor, or GIS & Spatial Analysis minor.

**MATHEMATICS** - A student with the necessary prerequisites (and according to regulations on page 31-32 of the 2005-07 catalog) may take on a pass-fail basis any Mathematics course provided it is not required for his/her Mathematics major, minor or by another department which does not allow the pass-fail option.

**MUSIC** - All Music courses are available on pass-fail to students not majoring/minoring in music.

**NATURAL RESOURCES** - All courses available on P-F option except those courses required in any Natural Resources major and/or minor.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE** - Courses may be taken, where so indicated by the symbol (#), on a pass-fail basis with the following restrictions: no more than two courses in a major and no more than one course for a minor.

**PSYCHOLOGY** - All courses are available on P-F option, with the following exceptions: 300 & 400 level courses required for the Psychology major cannot be taken pass-fail by Psychology majors. Courses marked with a (@) may not be taken on pass-fail basis by any student.

**SOILS** - All courses available on P-F option except those courses required in any Natural Resources major and/or minor.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT** - All courses available on P-F option except those courses required in any Natural Resources major and/or minor.

**WATER** - All courses available on P-F option except those courses required in any Natural Resources major and/or minor.

**WELLNESS** - P-F OPTION - All sections of Wellness are available on P-F. Courses for majors or minors in physical education, health, and coaching may not be taken on P-F.

**WILDLIFE** - All courses available on P-F option except those courses required in any Natural Resources major and/or minor.

**WOMEN'S STUDIES** - All sections are available on P-F option.
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Through the pass/fail grading program, you gain the opportunity to secure a broader, more liberal academic experience than is usually possible under the traditional, many-stepped grading program. As a result, you may take courses which are personally or intellectually attractive to you, without the pressure to secure and maintain a high grade point average. You may take courses of value outside your major in which your knowledge is not great enough to sustain a high letter grade. You may, in other words, experience learning for its own sake.

- Register for the pass/fail option on or before the eleventh day of classes. You may not change either to or from pass/fail after the eleventh day of classes except for extenuating circumstances and only when approved by the department chair, the instructor, and your adviser.

- If you earn a P in your course, you have passed it and are granted credit for it. We do not include a grade of P in calculating your grade point average, however, we do apply the credit you earn toward your degree.

- If you earn an F in your course, you have failed it and do not receive credit for it. We do include a grade of F in calculating your grade point average.

At the undergraduate level, you may select up to five pass/fail credits (other than required wellness) each semester. However, you may count no more than 20 credits from pass/fail courses (other than required wellness) toward your degree requirements.

If you are on probation, you may take a course on a pass/fail basis only if it is in required wellness or if the course is offered as pass/fail only.

**Count pass/fail courses only as electives.** You may count the “pass” credits you earn toward the total credits you need for a degree; however, pass/fail courses DO NOT satisfy general degree requirements. For example, a course which applies toward the humanities requirement might be available on a pass/fail option. If you take the course pass/fail and pass, you may NOT count it toward your humanities requirement. If you take it on an A-F basis and earn a D or better, you may count the course toward your humanities requirement. However, in both cases you may count the credits toward the total number of credits you need for your degree.

There are two exceptions to this rule:

1. You may satisfy your wellness/health enhancement requirements with pass/fail courses.

2. In certain departments you may be permitted to take up to two pass/fail courses in your major and one pass/fail course in your minor. To do this, you will need to fill out a special pass/fail registration form available in Office of the Registrar, 101 SSC.