

**Pittsburg State Policy on Grading for Graduate Courses for the Spring 2020 Semester  
Graduate Council Resolution 20-01**

The following policy is being recommended by Graduate Council for the Spring 2020 semester at Pittsburg State University in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The transition to online delivery for courses that were originally intended to be taught in a traditional face-to-face environment along with personal and professional challenges to faculty and students has led us to recommend allowing students the option of choosing a modified pass/fail grading system. This policy will be in effect for courses for graduate credit including, online, hybrid, and courses that were originally offered as face-to-face courses.

**WHEREAS**, For all courses not already designated as Pass/Fail, instructors will report to the Registrar all final course grades following the normal ABCDF grading scale.

**WHEREAS**, Students will have until May 8, 2020, to request conversion of any individual course grade to a Pass/Fail. There will be no limit on the number of courses for which a student may request moving to Pass/Fail.

**WHEREAS**, Students who select the Pass/Fail option for a course(s), a grade of 'A', 'B', or 'C' will be recorded as 'P' and a grade of a 'D' or 'F' will be recorded as fail.

**WHEREAS**, All courses can be selected for the Pass/Fail option.

**WHEREAS**, The maximum number of Pass/Fail hours allowed in a student's candidacy plan will be increased from 6 to 9 for any student who select the pass/fail option.

**WHEREAS**, The request will be made to the Registrar's Office and the changes will be reflected on the student's permanent transcript with no notation of the original letter grade.

**WHEREAS**, Students should be strongly encouraged to carefully consider any request to convert a letter grade to a Pass/Fail designation. As such, it is important that students consider advice from their departments/advisors before making decisions. Potential implications may include, but are not limited to,

- Students may need certain grades in certain courses to take professional exams and for admission into other Graduate programs.
- Grades of Pass/Fail could affect acceptance to graduate or professional programs.
- Eligibility for professional licensures could be affected.
- Students receiving Veterans' Educational Benefits should keep in mind that the VA will not pay for repeating a course unless a higher grade is required.
- An international student who is being sponsored may want to check with the sponsor prior to selecting the Pass/Fail option to ensure there are no restrictions.
- Student-athletes are encouraged to contact the athletic compliance officer prior to selecting the Pass/Fail option.

**WHEREAS**, Despite the encouragement to seek advice from your department/advisor, it is the student's sole responsibility for any issues that arise from selecting the Pass/Fail designation.

**THEREFORE BEIT RESOLVED**, That the Pittsburg State University Graduate Council adopt the Policy on Grading for Graduate Courses for the Spring 2020 Semester.

Approved by Graduate Council 4/15/2020