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**From:** UC San Diego Registrar <registrar@ucsd.edu>  
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**To:** Glover, Christopher  
**Subject:** Additional information about P/NP grading options for Fall 2020



Dear Undergraduate Student,

On December 8, 2020, a notification was sent to all undergraduate students regarding grading options for Fall 2020 courses. Specifically, the Educational Policy Committee of the Academic Senate is offering undergraduate students a one-time only opportunity to petition to retroactively change from **Letter to Pass/Not Pass in Fall 2020 classes**. These petitions will be granted.

Please read the additional information below about the submission process and other important considerations to help you make a decision about Fall 2020 grading options.

### **Submission Process:**

- On January 4, 2021, the UC San Diego Office of the Registrar will send undergraduate students a link to an online submission form by 12:00 pm PST. The form will close on January 29, 2021 at 11:59 pm PST.
- The online form will be submitted directly to the Educational Policy Committee and Office of the Registrar. No signatures from departments, programs, or the college will be required. An Undergraduate Student Petition will not be accepted for this exception.
- The form will allow students to change the grading option from Letter to P/NP for one, multiple, or all of their Fall 2020 courses.

Please note:

- This is a one-time option for undergraduate students to retroactively change their grading option(s) -- only from Letter to Pass/Not Pass and only for Fall

2020 classes -- due to the worsening pandemic and considerable stress experienced by students at the end of the quarter.

- Students will be responsible for checking their records to verify their grading option request was updated. Requests will be processed in the order that they are received, and processing may take up to 15 business days from the date the request is submitted. Requests for rush processing will not be honored. Changes to final grades will be visible through the Academic History tool in TritonLink; students will not be notified after their requests have been processed.

### **Student Responsibilities:**

- It is each student's responsibility to confirm that their department, program and/or college will apply a P grade toward their major, minor, and/or college general education requirements. [Note: Departments and programs are aware of the Fall 2020 option allowing a retroactive change of grading option, but are not required to accept P grades. Students are advised to contact their major/minor department(s)/program(s) through the [VAC](#) with questions about their policies for Fall 2020 courses and major/minor requirements.]
- It is each student's responsibility to confirm that, if the course is designated as letter grade only, the department, program, and/or college will accept a P grade to apply toward their degree requirements. [Note: A letter grade of C or better in AWP 3 or 4B is required to fulfill the Entry Level Writing Requirement.]
- It is each student's responsibility to confirm that they have received approval from the department, program, or college to continue in a Winter 2021 class that requires a passing grade in a prerequisite course. If a D grade was initially earned in Fall 2020, a change from Letter to P/NP will yield an NP, which will not clear prerequisite requirements.
- Students who have submitted Fall 2020 DDAs must notify their major and college no later than Friday, January 8, 2021, that they are submitting this form and acknowledge that doing so could delay processing of their degree.

### **Additional important considerations:**

- Units earned for Pass grades in Fall 2020 will count toward the 25% maximum allowed by the University.
- Course work must be equivalent to C- or better to receive a P.
- A change from a D grade to a NP will result in a loss of units.
- Financial Aid packages may be affected as NP grades impact Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- A change to P/NP for a Fall 2020 course will be allowed for a repeat of a class in which a D or F grade was earned in an earlier term.
- Grading option changes for courses in which a student has been reported for an academic integrity violation will not be allowed.
- No exception has been made at this time to accept the transfer of P grades earned by undergraduate students in Fall 2020 to a UC San Diego Master's or PhD degree program.
- To be eligible for honors for any quarter, a student must have a 3.5 GPA in 12 graded units.

Please see the [FAQ page](#) on petitioning a retroactive change of grading option in Fall Quarter 2020 for additional guidance. If you have questions after reviewing the information above and the FAQ page, please contact your major/minor/college academic advisor through the [VAC](#).

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