Pass/No Pass FAQs for the Spring 2020 term
Under Special Circumstances Due to COVID-19

These FAQs were developed to assist Students with making an informed decisions in applying for P/NP grading in classes during the Spring 2020 term.

**Q: What are things I should consider before I change to P/NP as a grading option?**

**A: You should consider the following and make an informed decision before you submit your request:**

1. Consult with your instructor about your anticipated grade in the course.
2. We strongly recommend you meet with an Ohlone Counselor to discuss your options.
3. You will not be able to change a Pass grade to a letter grade after this change is processed.
4. You may not repeat the course for a grade at a later time if you receive a Pass.
5. A grade will be needed for specific license and certificate programs (Early Childhood Studies for example).
6. A specific grade may be needed for a prerequisite class at a later date.
7. Graduate or Professional schools may not recognize a Pass grade and the student may need to repeat a course for a grade if it is a graduate or professional school prerequisite. (student should research their program(s) of interest even if they don’t plan on applying until after their 4-year degree).

**Q: Does taking a course P/NP impact my AA/AS/ADT degree?**

**A: A passing Grade, A-C or P will count towards your AA/AS/ADT degree, however it may impact graduate/professional/technical education or employment planning.**

**Q: How does this impact my transfer at a CSU or UC?**

**A: It depends on the situation:**

1. **CSU Specifics:** The CSU campuses will accept Pass/Credit for transferable college courses completed in winter, spring or summer 2020 taken to satisfy:
   - The Golden Four:
     - Oral communication [A1]
     - English language [A2]
     - Critical Thinking [A3]
     - Mathematics/Quantitative reasoning [B4]
   - All other General Education courses and Major prerequisite courses.
   - A Pass grade does not change admission decisions.
   - ADT has a similar pathway than those that transfer without their ADT, CSU’s will have a special plan and contract. Students should contact their transfer school for verification and specifics.

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2. **UC Specifics:**
   - Approved temporary suspension of the cap on P/NP (CR/NC) units for Spring and Summer 2020 coursework
   - This is a **TEMPORARY** policy to allow students to have more than 14 semester Pass units, if they are enrolled in winter, spring and summer 2020 for P/NP options due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
   - P/NP is **not** converted to a letter grade for calculation and are excluded from GPA
   - A letter grade in Math or English may be required; if it is stated in the catalog that it is a requirement to complete a major This applies to fall 2020 applicants, and prospective applicants for 2021, 2022, etc. who **completed coursework during one of these terms**.

3. **UC Specifics by Campus:**
   - **UC Berkeley**’s School of Letters and Science will allow for GE/Breadth courses to be completed as a Pass in spring/summer 2020
   - **UC Irvine** will allow for all courses, including major prep to be completed as a Pass
   - **UC Riverside** will allow for all courses, including major prep to be completed as a Pass
   - Students should contact their UC transfer campus if they have campus specific questions
   - Check back periodically for updates for each campus as they become known to Ohlone counselors

**Q: What if I’m not planning to transfer until 2021 or 2022?**

**A: The same rules will apply for CSU and UC transfer** as mentioned in the question of how a P/NP will impact transfer whether you are transferring in 2020 or beyond as long as you are actively enrolled in courses during Spring or Summer 2020 at Ohlone College.

**Q: How will colleges and universities treat P/NP when I apply?**

**A: See the explanation for the question of CSU and UC transfer impact** and how a P/NP will be viewed in admissions decisions but essentially a Pass grade will not change admissions decisions or penalize the student in the admissions review process.

**Q: How might changing a grade to P/NP for a class help me?**

**A: There are some benefits to applying for P/NP:**
   1. It does not impact the transferable GPA (no point values are given for P/NP) which may benefit the student as they are applying for admission in 2020, 2021, 2022, etc. as long as the student was enrolled in the courses they are requesting for P/NP during Spring/Summer 2020 at Ohlone
   2. Gives some flexibility during this unprecedented time in dealing with the COVID-19 Pandemic.