



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.



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.