

FAQs for Students Regarding Fall 2020 Grading Policies

How do I change a course to Pass/No Pass grading?

An electronic form has been created to allow students to request this change. The link is here: [Pass/No Pass Opt In Form](#)

You will have the option to opt into the Pass/No Pass option until 5 p.m. on December 3, 2020.

How does the Pass/No Pass grading process work?

Faculty will record the letter grade earned. The Registrar's office will convert it to Pass if the recorded grade is a D- or higher or to No Pass if the recorded grade is an F. The recorded letter grade will be used for prerequisite fulfillment if a course requires a prerequisite of a grade other than D- (this prerequisite fulfillment will have to be manually applied and will require that students email Student Administrative Services to be registered). The recorded letter grade will be used for determining the President's and Dean's Lists at the conclusion of the semester.

What will show on my transcript?

If you select to drop (with a grade of W) your course on or before October 31, 2020*, you will receive a "W" on your transcript for this course*. If you select Pass/No Pass grading, your transcript will display a "P" if you earn a letter grade of D- or higher and a "NP" if you earn an F.

*If you need to drop a course after October 31, 2020, please contact NVU Student Services at StudentServices@NorthernVermont.edu, as you will not be able to do this on your own in Web Services after that date.

How do the different options impact my GPA?

If you select to drop (with a grade of W) a course, the "W" will not impact your GPA. If you select Pass/No Pass grading, the grade of a "P" (Pass) will not impact your GPA, nor will the grade of a "NP" (No Pass).

Does dropping (with a grade of W) my course or selecting Pass/No Pass grading impact my financial aid?

Dropping (with a grade of W) below full-time hours (12 credit hours) may impact your financial aid. Selecting Pass/No Pass grading does not impact your financial aid.

How might converting my classes to Pass/No Pass impact my plans to attend graduate or professional school?

An advisor can help you answer this question. However, many universities are implementing similar policies for the fall 2020 semester.

Who can I talk to about what makes the most sense for me?

- At NVU Johnson, you can contact an advisor at JohnsonAdvising@NorthernVermont.edu or 802.635.1257.

- At NVU Lyndon, you can contact an advisor at LyndonAdvising@NorthernVermont.edu or 802.626.4860.

Your faculty advisor can also serve as a resource. Email is a good way to contact your advisor to find out their office hours and the best way to communicate with them.

Will my professor know if I select Pass/No Pass grading?

No, your professor will enter the letter grade you earned in the course. The conversion to a Pass/No Pass grade will occur in the Registrar's office after letter grades have been entered.

Will there be a fee to change to Pass/No Pass?

Fees are not assessed for choosing Pass/No Pass.

Can I change a first-half course to Pass/No Pass grading?

No, this option is only available for courses that are currently in session (full semester fall courses and second-half fall courses).