

## FAQs for Students Regarding Spring 2021 Grading Policies

*This applies to undergraduate courses only. Graduate sections will comply with guidelines published in the [Graduate Catalog 2020-2021](#).*

### How do I change an undergraduate 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 5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2021.

### How does the Pass/No Pass grading process work?

Faculty will record the letter grade earned. The Registrar's office will record P/NP based on the following policies:

- All courses graded as P/NP may be used to fulfill degree program requirements if a grade of P (pass) is earned; however, individual programs such as Education may choose or need to require a letter grade for fulfillment of degree requirements and will notify their students if this is the case.
- A grade of P (pass) will be sufficient for degree progress, General Education courses, and prerequisites. In the case where a grade of C- or better is required, a student may select P/NP grading but will not fulfill the requirements if the recorded grade is equal to or less than a D+.

For the spring 2021 term, students may choose the P/NP option for courses that fulfill Core Curriculum requirements.

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 March 26, 2021\*, 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 March 26, 2021, please contact NVU Student Services at [StudentServices@NorthernVermont.edu](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:JohnsonAdvising@NorthernVermont.edu) or 802.635.1257.
- At NVU Lyndon, you can contact an advisor at [LyndonAdvising@NorthernVermont.edu](mailto: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. There is no limit to the number of courses that a student can elect to apply the P/NP grading option.

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

Yes, this option is available for courses that are currently in session (first-half courses that are currently in session, full semester spring courses, and second-half spring courses).