

Pass/No Credit Grading Option

Spring 2020: Extended until December 18, 2020

Fall 2020: Deadline is January 25, 2021

On November 19, 2020, Dr. Anthony Lowman, the Provost of Rowan University, continued offering students access to the Pass/No Credit grading options for the Fall 2020 semester to all students *except M.D., D.O. and Ph.D. degree programs*.

Students have the option of changing the grading method of any course in which they are enrolled from a standard letter grading method (A-F) to a Pass/No Credit (P/NC). If you are considering this option, take the following steps:

1. Review all the information below describing the choice.
2. Contact both your program director(s) and the GSBS office in order to make sure there are no unforeseen consequences that result from switching to Pass/No Credit.
3. Submit your electronic change of grade *method* form to the Registrar by **January 25, 2021** to change your standard letter grade(s) to Pass/No Credit in Banner. If you change your grade, this will become your final grade.

Please remember that the option to withdraw is still available until Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

WHAT IS PASS/NO CREDIT?

Pass/No Credit (P/NC) is an alternate grading method that does not affect GPA. Most of our RowanGSBS courses use standard letter grades. This Pass/No Credit grading option will apply to all courses for the Fall 2020 semester because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Students are required to participate in all course activities and assessments, and faculty must record scores on those activities and assignments in a grade book. At the end of the term, faculty will tally scores and enter grades into Banner as usual.

HOW WILL THIS WORK?

- Students have the option of maintaining the standard letter grade earned (A-F) for each course.

- Students may change any course in which they are enrolled to Pass/No Credit. There will be no limit. Your decision to select the P/NC grading option for the Fall 2020 semester will have no impact on your Fall 2020 financial aid award.
- Fall 2020 courses graded as Pass/No Credit may satisfy certificate or masters degree and/or elective requirements.
- If students select the Pass/No Credit option, letter grades of “A” through “C” will be converted to “P”. Letter grades of “C-” through “F” will be converted to “NC”.
- Grades of “P” and “NC” will not affect students’ grade point average.

IS P/NC THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOU?

- Courses earning a grade of “P” will count toward credits to graduate but courses earning a grade of “NC” do not earn credits.
- Although many other universities are going through the same changes, we do not know how graduate or professional schools will accept P/NC grades or the impact of P/NC grades on employment opportunities and other circumstances where GPA is a consideration. If you are planning to apply to another graduate school or a professional school in the future, talk to your program director(s) about how P/NC grades might affect your eligibility.
- Course prerequisites that require a grade of “C or higher” will be satisfied with a “P” grade.
- Students on academic probation should check with their program director(s) to determine the effect P/NC grades might have on their academic standing.
- Students using federal financial aid should consult Christine Willse, the director of the Stratford Financial Aid Office (willsecl@rowan.edu), to determine the effect P/NC grades might have on their financial aid status.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHANGING COURSES TO PASS/NO CREDIT

Students will have until **January 25, 2021** to change the standard letter grades posted in Banner to the Pass/No Credit grading method option. If you change your grade, this will become your final grade.

Once a student has made the decision to change the grading method of a course to Pass/No Credit, the student must complete an electronic change of grade *method* form that is sent directly to the University Registrar’s office to make this change. This electronic form is currently under development.