

Pass/Fail Option - Morehead State University 2020 Spring Semester

Undergraduate and Graduate Students

Effective immediately, all undergraduate and graduate students will be permitted to convert any of their courses to Pass/Fail grading for the 2020 spring semester only. All courses for which you receive a passing grade will count toward degree requirements, which overrides some departmental or college policies **unless** the department or college has evidence that their accrediting or regulating agency will not allow Pass/Fail grades in a program. In those cases, the Department Chair/Associate Dean overseeing that program will send an email to affected students informing them of the program courses in which the Pass/Fail option cannot be used.

Spring semester course grades will be assigned as follows. At the end of the semester, all faculty will submit their course letter grades (A-E) to the registrar's office. For courses in which you have chosen the Pass/Fail option, letter grades will be converted to Pass or Fail as follows. At the undergraduate level, grades of D or better will convert to Pass, with a grade of E converting to Fail. At the graduate level, grades of C or better will convert to Pass, with grades of D or E converting to Fail.

You may request to move your courses to Pass/Fail as late as the last day of classes, May 1. In recognition that each course's learning experience will be different, there is no limit on the number of courses you can convert to Pass/Fail grading this semester. You can make the decision on a course-by-course basis. If students exceed the number of pass-fail credits as a result of actions taken during the spring semester, the policy on credit limits for pass-fail will not be enforced. **Note that Pass grades in the Pass/Fail system do not impact your GPA, for better or worse, but a Failing grade will lower your GPA.**

Students should seek advice from their academic advisors and/or faculty about the ramifications of switching to Pass/Fail if they anticipate applying to graduate/professional programs, have minimum GPA requirements in their academic programs, have minimum GPA requirements associated with their scholarships, must achieve a certain GPA to remain in good academic standing, or have minimum course grade requirements needed to advance to upper division courses.

We are working on the process by which you will make the request to change your grade to the Pass/Fail option through the registrar's office. We will let you know by email when we have the process completed.

Note that if you select the Pass/Fail option, the grade that will be recorded on your transcript (per the MSU grade marking system) will be "K" for a Passing grade and "N" for a Failing grade.

Students enrolled in Eagle Scholar/Dual Credit courses should discuss with their course instructor the ramifications of choosing the Pass/Fail option. These instructors will be conferring with guidance counselors in their high schools regarding the impact of Pass/Fail grades on high school transcripts.

Course letter grades for students enrolled in first half of the 2020 spring semester courses are not eligible for conversion to Pass/Fail grades as those courses concluded and letter grades were assigned before significant changes to spring term courses were implemented.