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Pass or Fail (P/F) Grading Option for Spring 2020

Undergraduate students may opt to have their grade(s) in credit-bearing courses recorded as a Pass or Fail (P/F) for spring 2020 in selected undergraduate courses. Selection of the Pass or Fail option is only available during the two-week window, May 15, 2020 to May 29, 2020, following the posting of the course grades. Students should contact their major department chair to select the Pass or Fail grade option. If students do not opt for Pass or Fail, the grade will remain as the posted grade, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D, or E. Pass (P) indicates satisfactory completion of a credit-bearing course with a grade of D or better. Credits earned in a course in which a Pass (P) is awarded will be counted toward the number of semester hours of credit required for graduation.* Failure to do passing work in such a course will be graded F. Meaning an earned grade of E will automatically be posted as an F. The grade of Pass or Fail (P/F) will not be used in the computation of cumulative grade point average.

For the Pass or Fail (P/F) grade option, students should consider these points:

- Students should contact their major department chair to determine which of their courses are not advisable for the Pass or Fail (P/F) option to ensure that the Pass or Fail (P/F) grade aligns with major requirements.*
- A Pass or Fail (P/F) does not affect the cumulative grade point average.
- An earned grade of E will automatically be posted as an F.
- Students may repeat a course(s) graded as Fail (F) for credit according to the University's grade repeat policy (2019-2020 Undergraduate Catalog, Page 23).
- Students may repeat a course(s) passed using the Pass (P) grade option for credit.**
- Regardless of the grading option, all students are expected to complete the same requirements for the course.
- Students submitting a request to opt into the Pass or Fail (P/F) grade process acknowledges that the Pass or Fail (P/F) grade may affect the academic progress toward completion of the major and/or other post-baccalaureate activities including graduate admission requirements.

*This option may impact students' financial aid eligibility. Students are strongly encouraged to contact a financial aid counselor at fa@esu.edu.

**Consistent with the University's Repeat Grades Policy in the 2019-2020 Undergraduate Catalog, Page 23.

Repeat Grades: Undergraduate students will be limited to a maximum total of six repeats during their enrollment at East Stroudsburg University. This is an individual course count (not credit). Students cannot repeat more than six courses. A single course can only be taken a maximum of three times. That is, the course should appear no more than three times on a transcript. The most recent grade, regardless of whether it is higher or lower, will be the grade used for the GPA calculation. All other grades earned for repeated courses will be marked as such on the student's academic transcript.

Grade Definitions

- **P (Pass)** – indicates satisfactory completion of a credit course (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, or D) and is not included in the calculation of the grade point average.
- **F (Fail)** – indicates unsatisfactory completion of a credit course (E) and is not computed in the calculation of the grade point average. An earned grade of E will automatically be posted as an F.

Timeline

Traditional grades will be posted and students will have a two-week window (May 15, 2020 to May 29, 2020) to select the Pass or Fail (P/F) grade option.