Office of
Undergraduate Studies

KNOW YOUR SPRING 2020 GRADE OPTIONS

GET THE FACTS!

For Spring 2020, **all undergraduate courses** will be graded Pass/Fail unless the student elects to receive a letter grade for the course.

Students who elect the letter grade option, must notify the Registrar's Office by **April 13, 2020.** (The specific process will be disseminated by April 1, 2020). Students can opt for a letter grade in one course and a Pass/Fail in another course or in any combination. If the student doesn't contact the Registrar's office to elect the grade option, all courses will automatically default to "Pass/Fail."

Grades of A, B, or C will be considered as a "**Pass.**" In courses where a D is a letter grade option, the D will be considered as a "**Pass**".

Students **are not** permitted to reverse the letter grade or Pass/Fail option once their decision is submitted to the Registrar's office (in the case of Pass/Fail) or once their grades are posted (in the case of the letter grade option).

A "Pass" **does not** factor in the GPA but counts toward earned semester hours and meeting curricular, matriculation, and (where applicable) graduation requirements. A "Fail" **does** factor into the GPA negatively.

For courses graded **Pass/Fail**, students **cannot** request an "**Incomplete.**"

Students on academic probation who do not elect to accept course grades will be continued to next semester. Their status will be reviewed at the **end of Fall 2020**.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) decisions will made in accordance with guidelines from the Department of Education.

Institutional scholarship recipients (HUFS, etc.) will maintain scholarship eligibility and **will be reviewed for renewal after the Fall 2020 semester**.

All transcripts will include a notation explaining the Pass/Fail grades for the Spring 2020 semester as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

FOR THE FULL POLICY, PLEASE SEE:

https://newsroom.howard.edu/newsroom/article/12111/office-provost-adoption-passfail-option

[1] College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences students will be notified of licensing guidelines related to the Pass/Fail option.

[2] There are some exceptions. Please note that a grade of B or C may be required to meet prerequisite requirements. Please consult with your adviser or department for specific instructions.