

Transfer Pass/Fail

COVID 19 Pandemic Pass/Fail Implications

Spring 2020 Undergraduate Pass/Fail Grading

In response to academic concerns presented by the pivot to online learning in response to the COVID 19 pandemic, most colleges and universities created a special pass/fail grade option to help alleviate possible impact to degree and LIFE scholarship applicability, academic standing, and other requirements that may affect a student's academic record.

Most would agree that the decision to offer a pass/fail option was the right decision when students were already facing increased stress with the pandemic.

However, this decision is creating some questions about how UofSC interprets students' work when the credits they earned for a semester are graded as "pass" rather than a specific letter grade.

Advisement Considerations

The Registrar's Office reviews the grading scale provided by the college or university and post the grade as "S" Satisfactory or "U" Unsatisfactory equivalency.

Review during advisement if any course during the Spring 2020 (and possibly Fall 2020) with a "S" grade should be considered a DegreeWorks Exception to allow the course to fit a degree applicable requirement. Confirm with your department supervisor that the exception is appropriate.

How are (will) your college/department interpret students' work when the credits they earned for a semester reflect "S" rather than a letter grade?