In light of Concord’s decision to transition temporarily to an online delivery model and in recognition of the challenges this may pose to students and the gravity of the national situation, the University has decided to provide students with expanded access to the Pass/Fail grading option for the Spring 2020 semester.

What factors should I consider when deciding to switch a course to Pass/Fail?

- Switching courses to P/F may not be in a student’s best interest. Students should consult with their academic advisor as part of making an informed decision.
- The decision to switch to P/F is irreversible. A student cannot opt back into an A-F letter grade after grades are posted.
- Some courses in your declared major may not qualify for a Pass/Fail grade. Please see Pass/Fail Chart.
- If the P/F option is selected, the “P” carries no grade points and is NOT computed into a student’s semester or cumulative grade point averages (GPAs.) It does, however, confer earned hours.
- A grade of “F” (failing) is recorded normally and computed into a student’s GPA.

What is the deadline to decide whether to take my course P/F?

The deadline to submit the required form is Thursday, May 14, 2020, 4:00 pm.

Is this an automatic change?

No. You must fill out a form for each course you are requesting a change to Pass/Fail. The login for the form is: https://apps.concord.edu/secureforms/view.php?id=299775

Is there a limit to the number of courses I can take Pass/Fail?

There is no limit but there are some course restrictions. Please see Pass/Fail Chart.

Are graduate students eligible to participate in Pass/Fail?

Graduate students are eligible to participate. Please see Pass/Fail Chart for specific program details and restrictions.
Are international students eligible to participate in Pass/Fail?

International students are eligible to participate.

What happens to my GPA if I elect to take all of my courses Pass/Fail?

If you pass all your courses your cumulative GPA will remain what it had been at the end of the Fall 2019 semester. If you fail one or more courses the F grades will be calculated into your cumulative GPA.

Can I still graduate with Honors if I choose P/F?

As long as your cumulative GPA meets the minimum requirements for honors.

I’m on Academic Probation and need to earn a certain GPA to continue at Concord. Will taking my courses Pass/Fail help or hinder my progress?

As long as you pass every course, electing to take your classes Pass/Fail will grant you, in effect, another semester to improve your GPA and return to good academic standing. Failing some courses will impact your GPA negatively as it would in A-F grading. Earning grades of A or B could pull up your GPA.

My major requires a minimum grade in certain courses (and/or overall); does a P grade satisfy these requirements?

There are certain major courses that are not included in P/F policy. Please see Pass/Fail Chart.

I think it is unfair that my major courses are excluded from this policy. Why aren’t all courses included?

Concord University wants students to succeed. There are, however, external accreditation and licensure requirements set by other entities that require you to have letter grades. This is particularly true in professional fields.

Will taking some or all of my classes Pass/Fail affect my eligibility for Financial Aid?

Grades of F will continue to impact Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). Grades of P will not hurt your GPA or your ability to get financial aid.

I am collecting benefits from the Veterans Administration. Will taking some or all of my classes Pass/Fail affect my eligibility for VA benefits and aid?

The VA has indicated they will not pay for or give benefits for courses that receive P/F grades.

Are graduate and professional programs (e.g., law schools, medical schools, dental schools, PA programs, etc.) accepting P/F coursework?

While many schools have indicated that they will accept P/F grading for prerequisite courses taken in the spring of 2020, Concord does not guarantee what other colleges and universities may or may not accept.