

## Pass/No Pass for Autumn 2020

### University PA/NP Policy

For autumn 2020 semester only, undergraduate students may opt in for Pass/No Pass grading instead of a traditional letter grade for General Education and elective courses.

- A grade of D or better will be marked as "Pass"; grades below D are marked as "No Pass."
- Pass/No Pass classes provide credits toward graduation, but they do not factor into a student's grade-point average.
- The deadline to request Pass/No Pass grading is Nov. 20 for semester-long or second session courses. Requests for first session courses are due Oct. 2.
- Courses taken Pass/No Pass during autumn 2020 semester would count toward the limit of 20 credit hours (exclusive of credit hours earned under the Pass/No Pass option in spring 2020) that each student may take Pass/No Pass during their undergraduate career.

Colleges and schools have the authority to determine their policies for courses that are required as part of a major, minor or program.

**How to request Pass/No Pass:** Please consult with your academic advisor before requesting Pass/No Pass grading. Requests may be submitted by following the instructions at [oaa.osu.edu/pass-no-pass-fall-2020](http://oaa.osu.edu/pass-no-pass-fall-2020). Note that Pass/No Pass is not appropriate for all circumstances. For example, students may need to earn certain grades to maintain their financial aid or to successfully apply for graduate or professional programs.

### Fisher College of Business PA/NP Policy and FAQs

Fisher College of Business has decided not to extend the PA/NP option to required or elective courses in their business core, specializations, and minors for students enrolled in the business undergraduate program.

The following FAQs will answer questions that students may have about applying the PA/NP option to certain courses or circumstances:

- 1) I am required to take Economics 4001 for my specialization in Accounting and can use this course for an Open Option General Education requirement. Can I take this course PA/NP?

Yes. Since the course is being used as a General Education requirement, you can take Econ 4001 PA/NP.

- 2) I am pursuing an Aviation Management, Information Systems, or Business-Economics specialization. Since the courses I am completing for my specialization are in Arts & Sciences, can I take those major courses PA/NP? [The argument here is that Arts & Sciences is allowing students to take major/minor/certificate courses as well as General Education courses PA/NP.]

NO. These specializations are business specializations and our policy states that students must take major courses (no matter where they are housed) for a grade.

- 3) I am pursuing an Economics minor/other minor in Arts & Sciences, can I take those courses PA/NP?

Yes. Since those minors are located in Arts & Sciences and that college permits students to take major/minor/certificate courses PA/NP, you can use the PA/NP option for the courses required for that minor.

- 4) I am pursuing a minor that is housed in Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences, can I take those courses PA/NP?

No. Those minors are located in FAES and that college does not permit students to take major/minor/certificate courses PA/NP.

- 5) I am pursuing an Economics minor and a Finance specialization. I want to double count Economics 4002 on the minor and as an elective in Finance. Can I take this course PA/NP?

No. If you use Economics 4002 as a specialization course, you must take that course for a grade.

- 6) I have put together a Special Area Specialization that includes non-business courses. Can I take those courses PA/NP?

No. The Special Area Specialization is your specialization; therefore you must take all of these courses for a grade.

- 7) The PA/NP policy for Business states that I can take General Education and elective courses PA/NP. Does this policy extend to electives that are part of the specialization?

No. Elective courses for the specialization (since they are part of the specialization) must be taken for a grade. Elective courses that you take for fun or interest that are not business courses can be taken as PA/NP.

- 8) I am starting course work towards a specialization in Information Systems. Can I take Math 2366 and CS&E 1223 PA/NP since they are listed as foundation courses for the specialization?

No. Since these two courses are foundation courses for the specialization, they need to be taken for a grade. Neither of these courses is a General Education course.

- 9) I am enrolled in BUSMHR 2500 this semester. It is a General Education course. Can I take this course PA/NP even though it is a business course?

Yes. BUSMHR 2500 is a General Education course so you can take it PA/NP.

- 10) I am pursuing a Business Analytics minor. Can I use the PA/NP option for any of the prerequisite courses (Math 1152, Statistics 3201 and 3202)?

Since Math 1152 is a General Education course, you can use the PA/NP option for that course. However, Statistics 3201 and 3202 are not General Education classes and they are not being used as General Education courses, so you must use the graded option for Statistics 3201 and 3202.

- 11) I am doing a dual degree in Business and Arts & Sciences, with specializations in Marketing and Spanish. How does this work for using the PA/NP option?

According to the PA/NP policy for Fisher College, you are required to take all of your business and specialization courses for a grade. However, you could use the PA/NP option for Spanish courses, since Arts & Sciences allows students to take major/minor/certificate courses PA/NP.

- 12) I am enrolled in [MATH 1131/CSE 2111/STAT 1430/ECON 2001/ECON 2002] this semester. Can I take this course PA/NP even though it is required for my business major?

Yes. Those classes will meet General Education requirements so you can take them PA/NP.

- 13) I am not doing well in Math 1130/1148/1150 this semester. Can I take this course PA/NP even though they are prerequisites for required course for business?

Yes. Those classes will meet General Education requirements so you can take them PA/NP. However, keep in mind that if you are not doing well in a prerequisite course, you risk the chances of not doing well in the next math course you enroll in.

- 14) I am taking CHEM 1210 (insert any science course) to meet prerequisites to apply to medical school. Can I take this as PA/NP?

While health professions programs were willing to accept PA marks for their program prerequisites if the courses were taken in SP20 or SU20, many programs will be requiring a letter grade for their program prerequisites in AU20 (and beyond). It is possible that some

programs may accept PA marks for prerequisites taken in AU20, but this would be a small number of programs. For this reason, the pre-professional programs at Ohio State have advised students to complete health professions program prerequisites this semester with a letter grade.

15) Will taking courses PA/NP this semester impact my eligibility for Latin Honors at graduation?

It could. PA grades from autumn 2020 do not count towards the 60 Ohio State hours required for Latin Honors.

16) I am interested in applying for honors status, can I take courses PA/NP and still be eligible?

First-year business students must complete 12 graded hours of course work at Ohio State and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to meet the criteria for honors. For more information see:

<https://fisher.osu.edu/undergraduate/admissions/eligibility-and-status>