



## Adjustments to Policies for Undergraduates in the Elliott School of International Affairs

Dear Students,

I hope you are doing well in spite of the current disruption caused by COVID-19. Below is important guidance on the updated academic policies related to undergraduate students.

Please continue to monitor the [GW COVID-19 website](#) as it is being updated regularly to include guidance for the whole university community, as well as the Elliott School's [Continuity of Teaching During COVID-19 website](#), for the most up-to-date resources and information.

Most importantly, take good care of yourselves and know that the Elliott School is here to support you.

Sincerely,

Lisa Stephenson,  
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Academic Affairs and Student Services

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### Pass/No Pass

Because of the extraordinary circumstances students face this year in completing their course work, GW announced that it is adjusting the option for most courses to be taken as pass/no pass.

- Students may request a switch in their pass/no pass status in a course up until the last day of classes.
- A D- constitutes a passing grade
- Students of any academic standing may take as many courses as they wish pass/no pass for this semester only and this number will not count against the usual number of pass/no pass courses they are allowed.
- General education courses may be taken pass/no pass.
- Major and minor courses may be taken pass/no pass.
- A pass will suffice in courses that are prerequisites for another course.
- Please refer to the full [announcement](#) in the email message from our GW Provost Brian Blake sent on Wednesday, March 18.
- Taking a course pass/no pass will not impact a student's ability to use the course for first-year forgiveness.
- Students completing a GW study abroad program with courses that receive grades are eligible to change the grade mode to pass/no pass.
- For [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) purposes, pass/no pass classes do count against a student's progression rate. For additional questions, contact the [Office of Student Financial Assistance](#).

### Consult your advisors as part of making your decision.

Your advisors will help you make an optimal choice and ensure that classes that you switch for pass/no pass credit are appropriate for exercising the option. Please refer to the ESIA undergraduate advising page to make an appointment and find other important information for students.

- Before you decide to opt for pass/ no pass, please consult with your academic advisor in ESIA or in your home school.
- Additionally, consult if and as appropriate with international, military and veteran services advisors if you wish to use the pass/no pass option in any of your classes to ensure that your choices do not adversely impact your future plans, visa status, or athletic status.

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