Spring 2020 Pass/No Pass Policy

Based on the announcement from Provost Blake, the message from Dean Stephenson, and the email from the Elliott School's Undergraduate Advising Office, information about the Spring 2020 pass/no pass policy is outlined below. Please thoroughly read those statements and this outline before making a decision about P/NP.

The Policy

• In the Spring 2020 semester only, students have the option to take one or more undergraduate courses in ESIA, SEAS, GWSB, CCAS (including SMPA and the Corcoran School of the Arts and Design), Milken Institute SPH, and CPS as pass/no pass.

• Students who still wish to complete these courses for a letter grade may continue to do so.

• If you change a class to pass/no pass, an earned grade of D- or higher will result in a ‘P’ for the course.

• Students may take as many courses as they wish pass/no pass for this semester only and these courses will not count against the number of pass/no pass courses permitted under the University pass/no pass policy.

• A general education course taken as pass/no pass will satisfy the requirement.

• A major or minor course taken as pass/no pass will satisfy the requirement.

• A pass will suffice in courses that are prerequisites for another course.

• 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 GW grades are eligible to change the grade mode to pass/no pass.

The Process

• Students should consult their academic advisors as part of making their decision. Your advisors will help you make an optimal choice and ensure that classes that you switch to pass/no pass 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.

• If you would like to switch one or more of your classes for Spring 2020 to pass/no pass, please use the P/NP Form. You can fill out and digitally sign the P/NP Form and send it to your advisor using your GW email or you can download the completed form, sign it, and scan it to your advisor using your GW email.

• Students may request that a grade be converted to Pass/No Pass up until 5 days after a faculty member posts the grade. (Note: this includes students who are trying to make the Dean’s List.) If the grade is an incomplete, the pass/no pass option will apply when the student receives the letter grade.

• The P/NP Form will not be accepted unless it is sent using your GW email.

• You do not need your instructor's permission or signature to change a class to P/NP. However, you may want to confer about the class grade scale and your performance to date before deciding to change the grade mode.

Possible Implications

• Taking one or more classes as P/NP will have a varied impact on Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) depending upon your SAP status. For additional information, please await a clarifying communication from the Office of Student Financial Assistance or contact them directly.
• Students considering internal transfer between GW schools and colleges should check with the contact person at the school to which they intend to transfer about specific internal transfer requirements or any Spring 2020-only exceptions to general policy.

• All graduate schools and professional programs are creating tailored responses concerning any academic policy adjustments. Included in this category are not only all graduate schools but also undergraduate programs in GW’s School of Nursing and School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Please contact these schools directly for questions related to the pass/no pass adjustments for courses in their programs.

• Additionally, consult as appropriate with international, athletic, or 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.