



Delaware State University

University Area(s) Responsible: Academic Affairs & Human Resources Departments

Policy Number & Name: 2-07 Pass-Fail Policy

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I. Policy Statement

The Pass/Fail policy at Delaware State University allows students who have earned a minimum of 30 credits with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and who are registered for a minimum 15 credits, to elect to enroll in one course per semester on a pass/fail basis. Courses attempted under the P/F option will impact attempted and earned credit hours but not computed into the grade point average.

Use of the P/F option is open to all students in academic good standing who have earned a minimum of 30 credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0. This option is restricted to no more than one course per semester and no more than twelve (12) credits total during the student's undergraduate tenure at Delaware State University.

II. Eligibility

Students who elect to have a course grade recorded as Pass/Fail must elect to do so by **the last day to drop classes per the Academic Calendar**.

Students who request to convert a Pass-Fail back to a traditional grade will not be allowed to convert back to Pass-Fail.

A "pass" grade will have no impact on GPA and only provide earned credits. A "fail" grade will have no impact on the GPA and will not count as earned credit; however, it will count toward attempted credits.

Courses designated as pass/fail are excluded from this policy.

Per the Delaware State University Academic Catalog, passing is defined as a D or above, noting the exclusions for pre-requisite courses (see below).

III. Courses excluded from pass/fail designation:

1. All courses that constitute a major or minor requirement
2. All courses that are a pre-requisite to a major or minor requirement

Important Notices:

- Students utilizing financial aid should be advised that "The federal definition of a passing grade is anything above an F. Once the student has taken the course and received a grade above failing (anything above an F), the student may repeat the course only **one additional time** to try to earn a higher grade and receive federal financial aid funds."
- Pass/Fail courses are not eligible for utilization in honors designations.
- The financial aid restrictions regarding 66.67% earned credits will not change with this policy.
- Students on academic success contracts may not use this option to satisfy SAP/financial aid requirements.
- Programs whose external accreditation requirements do not accept Pass/Fail, and/or whose grading policies are more stringent are not eligible for this option. Please check with your advisor or externally accredited major departments.
- Students should be aware that the Pass/Fail grade option may impact admission to graduate/professional programs.
- <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/staying-eligible>

IV. Procedures

Pass/Fall request should be initiated through academic advising by the aforementioned deadline.