Pass/Fail Option for Spring Term 2020

During spring term 2020, students will be able to take any of their courses on a “pass/fail” basis, with no limits on the number of courses that can be declared “pass/fail.” The “pass/fail” designation is available for any course, including courses that are required for the major, a minor, the Common Curriculum (General Education), or Writing Across the Curriculum; elective courses; and Independent Study courses. Any courses taken as “pass/fail” during spring term 2020 will not count toward a student’s annual limit of “pass/fail” courses or toward the total limit of four. Spring term 2020 “pass/fail” courses will not count toward a student’s total limit of one “pass/fail” course per department or two per academic division. The option to declare some spring term 2020 courses as “pass/fail” is available to all students, including those who are in their first or second term at the college.

The deadline for declaring a course as “pass/fail” will be Thursday, June 11 at 5 pm EDT. This date is after students will have completed their coursework but before their final grade for a course is released to them. The Registrar’s Office has created an electronic form for students to declare courses “pass/fail.”

Dean’s List standing for the 2019-20 academic year will be determined based on a student’s grades for their graded (non-“pass/fail”) courses. There will not be a minimum number of required graded courses for attaining Dean’s List standing.

Courses that carry minimum grade requirements can be declared “pass/fail.” However, the minimum grade requirements will still be in effect (e.g., for fulfilling prerequisites in computer science and mechanical engineering or for satisfying the minimum grade required in core courses to be able to continue pursuing an economics major). If any of these courses are taken “pass/fail,” a “pass” will be recorded on the transcript for a grade of D or above, but the student must earn the required minimum grade for the course to satisfy pre-requisite or major requirements.

These changes to the pass/fail option will be in effect for spring term 2020 only.

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