PASS/FAIL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PROCESS

Can I submit my form before my grade is posted? The Office of the Registrar will not accept forms until after final grades have been posted. You can expect to receive your final grade by noon on Monday, May 11.

How many classes can I take P/F? The Undergraduate Catalogue 2019-20 says I can only take two. Any courses taken for P/F this semester will not count towards the two-course P/F maximum.

What classes can I take P/F? For this semester, there are no restrictions on choosing P/F for the classes you are taking for undergraduate credit and graduation requirements. However, choosing the P/F option has other implications and you should review this FAQ carefully and talk with your adviser.

GPA & GRADE REPLACEMENT

If I am taking a course for a second time in an effort to improve my GPA, will taking the course P/F replace my previous grade? Repeated courses taken P/F will not replace the grade in your GPA calculation. If you are repeating a course to improve your GPA, you should not elect the P/F option. It is unlikely to help your GPA and may lower your GPA since the original grade will still count.

How will P/F affect my GPA? A grade of D or higher is considered passing. A grade of P does not affect your grade point average (GPA) calculation; however, a grade of F does. Please use the GPA calculator available here to find out the best option for you.

What if I get a grade of D in a P/F course but I need a C or higher to meet a prerequisite requirement? All prerequisites will remain unchanged. If you need a C or better to advance to the next course and you receive a D, opting to change it to a P will not fulfill the prerequisite requirement.

What happens if I have to take an incomplete grade for this semester? Can I wait until I see my final grade? Students who receive an Incomplete or Z grade have until May 22 to submit a Pass/Fail Request form to the Office of the Registrar. Once you complete your work and receive a final grade, you may appeal to receive the grade at that time if you wish. As a reminder, students may not graduate with an incomplete or Z grade.

How will a P/F course affect Latin Honors (cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude) and the Dean’s List? Courses taken P/F will not be included in the GPA calculation for
Latin Honors. The Office of the Registrar will use the GPA and credit hour information on your transcript to calculate graduation with distinction.

**Will my P/F courses count for the Dean’s List?** Students must take a minimum of 12 credit hours for a letter grade in order to be eligible for the Dean’s List. This includes courses taken through the Cooperating Raleigh Colleges program. As a reminder, students who receive an incomplete or a failing grade are not eligible for the Dean’s List.

Please contact your academic adviser or the Office of the Registrar at registrar@meredith.edu if you have additional questions or concerns regarding process or GPA and grade replacement.

**PROGRAMS**

**I am a 4+1 student MBA student; can I use the P/F option for courses that will count towards a master’s degree?** The P/F option is for undergraduate classes only. Four+1 students should not choose the P/F option, as an A or B is required for the prerequisites and graduate coursework you are completing. See your graduate coordinator for specific guidance on your questions.

**I am an Accelerated Law Degree program student; can I use the P/F option?** Law schools, like Meredith, are aware that students encountered unusual challenges this semester, so they will not penalize students for a P on their transcript.

**Can I use P/F option if I am applying to the Teacher Education program in the fall?** For admission to teacher education, the process will use the GPA on the transcript. Licensure programs are not adjusting the GPA requirements or waiving them for the fall.

**I am a Dual Degree Engineering Student; can I use the P/F option for courses that are required for the DDE program?** NC State does not accept P for courses required for the DDE program so students should not accept the pass/fail option. All DDE students should seek Dr. Ormond’s advice before electing the P/F option.

**How does this affect Honors course credits?** Faculty members will turn in letter grades to the registrar, prior to students electing the P/F option. Honors credit will be determined by the letter grade turned in by the faculty member prior to students electing P/F. For Honors only sections, a letter grade assessments of A, B, and C will count for Honors credit for that course. For Honors thesis courses, a letter grade assessments of A and B will count for Honors credit for that course. For Honors contract courses, a letter grade assessment of AH or BH will count for Honors credit for that course. This decision is informed by the Honors Handbook (see verbiage below):

> Following established policy, the Honors program does not accept grades below B for Honors credit in contracted courses, including the Honors thesis; and does not accept
grades lower than C for Honors credit in non-contracted Honors courses, including colloquia, writing, labs, and Honors sections of elective courses, e.g. PSY-100.

Please contact your program advisor if you have additional questions or concerns.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If I am on VA funding, may I select P/F option? Yes, for this semester the VA is allowing students to take courses for P/F. If you have any questions, contact Linda Wann in the Registrar’s office at wannl@meredith.edu.

Can electing the P/F option affect my eligibility for Federal Financial Aid for summer 2020, or academic year 2020-2021? For review of Satisfactory Academic process for Academic year 2020-2021 all P/F courses, will be considered as attempted. Satisfactory Academic Process Policy for Financial Aid eligibility requires that during the academic period, a student must earn 75% of all credits attempted for which the student received assistance.

Can electing the P/F option affect my eligibility for my scholarships? Since P/F is not factored into GPA calculation Merit Scholarships with GPA criteria eligibility would not be impacted.

Please contact Financial Assistance at finaid@meredith.edu if you have additional questions or concerns.

GENERAL

Will other schools accept my P/F courses in transfer or for entrance requirements? Meredith College is not responsible for how other schools will accept P/F grades. Students who plan to do post baccalaureate work are strongly discouraged from selecting the P/F option.

Many graduate level programs require letter grades for entrance requirements. You should consult with your academic advisor and check with your schools of interest before electing this option.

What happens if I take a class P/F then decide I want the grade after I graduate? P/F grades cannot be converted to letter grades after you graduate. Please consider your future plans in your decision making process. Many graduate schools do not accept P/F grades as fulfilling entrance requirements.

What happens if I take a class P/F but realize before I graduate that I want to keep my letter grades? Students who are enrolled at Meredith College may have one opportunity to appeal for a letter grade. Once converted, the grade will not be changed back to P/F.
Can I change a course I took through CRC to P/F? CRC courses in which the student earns a C or higher transfer back to Meredith as credit only. CRC courses do not affect your GPA.

Are there visa implications for F-1 international students?
Pass/fail grading will not affect the full course load of study requirement for F-1 students. The F-1 requirement is to be enrolled full-time and F-1 students must maintain that full-time enrollment no matter the grading system. F-1 international students are eligible to receive the same grades as domestic students. This includes P/F options in accordance with Meredith’s policy, as long students continue to be enrolled in a full-time course load.

Will employers accept P/F grades?
Initial reports from employers show that P/F grading will not adversely affect employment offers and opportunities. Employers have said that students need to take care of their health and wellbeing and recognize that this semester will look very different for all students across the country.

Recommendations from consulting firms look slightly different and say that graduates should be strategic with their choice to take a course for P/F; if it is going to improve your GPA, take the class for a grade. Additionally, some organizations with specific GPA requirements have said they will question students who opted for a P/F grade over a letter grade in major classes stating that they should be doing well in these classes, in particular. Students are encouraged to consult with the OCP at career@meredith.edu for guidance on how to talk about spring 2020 in an interview.

If you have additional question or concerns that have not been addressed in the FAQs above, please contact your academic advisor or the Office of the Registrar for assistance.