

FAQs for P/NP Grades in Fall 2020

What is P/NP and how does it affect my GPA?

- Pass/Not Pass is a grading option that allows students to complete a course without the grade affecting the cumulative UC GPA.
- P/NP courses count for unit requirements but do not count toward your GPA. More information is available on [TritonLink](#).
- Course work must be equivalent to C- or better to receive a grade of P.

University policy states no more than 25% of my total UC San Diego units may be taken P/NP when I graduate. How will taking courses P/NP in Fall 2020 affect this?

Courses taken for P/NP in Fall 2020 **will** be included in the 25% P/NP calculation. Students must be within this limit in order to graduate.

I received a D or F in a course previously, can I repeat it with the P/NP option?

Yes. Fall 2020 courses that are changed to P/NP will be allowed for a repeat of a class in which a D or F grade was earned in an earlier term. Students are advised to consult with their department and college advisors about the impacts of taking the course for a P/NP grade on their degree progress. If the D or F grade you are repeating is within your first 16 units of repeated D/F/NP course work, that grade will be removed from your GPA.

If I take all of my classes P/NP in Fall 2020, what will happen to my academic standing?

With all P grades, your term GPA will be 0.0, and your academic status will continue from your last enrolled quarter. Note that your academic standing will not appear on your official transcript, and your college will not act on any academic status if you earn all P grades in Fall 2020.

My major/minor requires courses be taken for a letter grade. For Fall 2020, can I take courses for major/minor requirements for P/NP?

For Fall 2020 courses, the Division of Biological Sciences will accept P grades for major or minor requirements. Note, students must have a minimum 2.0 major/minor GPA to graduate.

Students declared outside of the Division of Biological Sciences should visit their major/minor department(s) website for information on P/NP policies for Fall 2020 and contact them through the VAC if you have additional questions.

Are colleges making exceptions and allowing P/NP in GE requirements normally required for a letter grade?

Please contact your college advising office for information on P/NP policies for Fall 2020. They can be reached through the VAC.

I filed a FA20 Degree and Diploma Application and plan to request a retroactive change to at least one of my FA20 major/minor courses. How does this affect me?

Students should notify their college and major/minor departments no later than Friday, January 8th of their plan to submit a retroactive change to grading option request. Students should expect and prepare for delayed Degree and Diploma processing.

I'm an international student on a visa. Are there any restrictions on taking courses P/NP?

F-1 or J-1 International students can take courses P/NP. Units for courses taken P/NP will be counted towards their full course of study requirements to maintain their visa status. International students are required to maintain a full course of study (12 units) or must be authorized for a [reduced course load](#) by ISPO.

I am a recipient of Veterans Benefits. Are there restrictions or effects of me taking courses P/NP in Fall 2020?

Your housing allowance/stipend may be reduced if you receive NP grades. The VA will not pay for units that receive a NP grade (non-punitive), as the units do not count toward your degree progress and are not factored into your GPA. Units that are graded NP must be deducted from your certified unit load. If this drops you below 12 units your housing allowance/stipend will be reduced accordingly and the VA will bill you for the balance. Please contact Lisa Linares – llinares@ucsd.edu for further details

I receive Financial Aid. Are there restrictions or effects of me taking courses P/NP in Fall 2020?

Potentially. All students are required to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements, which includes a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). As a P/NP grading option does not affect a student's GPA, a student's academic performance for the rest of the year will determine if they meet the overall SAP GPA requirement for the year. To review SAP requirements please visit <http://faofoms.ucsd.edu/forms/SAPstandardsUndergrad.pdf>.

In addition, some individual financial aid awards (for example outside scholarships or Veteran benefits) may also require students to meet certain GPA requirements to remain eligible. For more information, please contact the awarding agency.

I'm an NCAA Scholar-Athlete. Are there restrictions or effects of me taking courses P/NP in Fall 2020?

When choosing to take courses for letter grade vs P/NP, be sure your GPA will still meet NCAA requirements. Students should confirm that the course will be acceptable for their major/college/university requirement on a P/NP basis to ensure it will be acceptable for NCAA eligibility. As long as your courses can be applied towards major/college/university requirements on the P/NP basis, the class can also be counted for NCAA eligibility requirements (6-unit quarterly requirements, annual 27-hour requirement and percentage of degree requirements).

Any questions or concerns about P/NP's impact on your NCAA eligibility can be directed to Mary Angell (mcangell@ucsd.edu) or Katie McGann (kmcgann@ucsd.edu).

Will this affect my graduate or professional school applications?

Please utilize information on the [Career Center website](#).

How do I change Fall 2020 classes from Letter Grade to P/NP?

The request form to ***retroactively change your grading option(s) from Letter to Pass/Not Pass (P/NP) in Fall 2020*** classes will be accessible from January 4th through January 29th, 2021 at 11:59pm PST and is available at:

<https://ucsd.kualibuild.com/app/builder/#/app/5fd286ae3c55fe0cf3e73b8b/run>.

- Students are required to access the form through Single Sign-On using their active directory login credentials.
- Requests will be processed in the order that they are received, and processing may take up to 15 business days from the date the request is submitted.
- Students are responsible for checking their records to verify their grading option request was updated. Changes to final grades will be visible through the Academic History tool in TritonLink; students will not be notified after their requests have been processed.

I'm having technical issues submitting my request(s). Who should I contact?

Technical issues should be directed to academicsenateoffice@ucsd.edu and students should provide the following information in the email:

1. A screen shot of the problem or error
2. Type of device used to access the form
3. The operating system of the device
4. Student PID

If I request a retroactive change to the grading option for FA20 courses, but change my mind and want to cancel my request, can this be reversed?

Requests will begin to be processed on January 15th, in the order they were received. Requests to cancel will be honored so long as the request to cancel is received prior the processing of the original request. Students who wish to cancel a submitted request should contact academicrecords@ucsd.edu and must provide their name, PID, and which of their FA20 classes should and should not be changed to P/NP.

Campus Information

Exception & Process: For FA20 courses, the Educational Policy Committee of the Academic Senate is offering undergraduate students a *one time only* option to petition to retroactively change grading options from **Letter to Pass/No Pass**, between January 4th and January 29th, 2021 11:59pm PST.

Additional details can be found on the [Academic Senate](#) and the [Student Affairs](#) websites.