

FAQs for P/NP Grades

Winter 2021 & Spring 2021

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 Winter 2021 and/or Spring 2021 affect this?

Courses taken for P/NP in Winter 2021 and/or Spring 2021 **will not** 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. Winter 2021 and Spring 2021 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 Winter and/or Spring, 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 Winter 2021 and/or Spring 2021.

My major/minor requires courses be taken for a letter grade. For Winter 2021 and/or Spring 2021, can I take courses for major/minor requirements for P/NP?

For Winter 2021 and/or Spring 2021 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 Winter 2021 and/or Spring 2021 and contact them through the VAC if they have additional questions.

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

Students should contact their college advising office for information on P/NP policies for Winter 2021 and/or Spring 2021. They can be reached through the VAC.

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 Winter 2021 and/or Spring 2021?

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 Winter 2021 and/or Spring 2021?

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://faofirms.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 Winter 2021 and/or Spring 2021?

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 Winter 2021 and/or Spring 2021 classes from Letter Grade to P/NP?

Students are able to change the grading option for Winter 2021 and/or Spring 2021 courses via Webreg through the extended deadline of Friday of Week 10 (11:59 pm PST). It is the student's responsibility to ensure all steps are taken to finalize the action, and confirm the change within Webreg.

All university policy exceptions for Winter 2021 and Spring 2021 can be found on the [Senate website](#).