**Proposal to revise scale of Pass/Fail grading option (for eligible courses)**

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| Source of the Proposal | Course and Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate |
| Level of degree | Associate and Baccalaureate |
| Consultations | Academic Affairs, Curriculum Coordinator, Registrar’s Office |
| Date Effective | Fall 2021 |
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| Current policy | Undergraduate matriculated students of the College of Staten Island have the option to elect a Pass/Fail grade with the following restrictions:   1. Students may not elect the pass/fail option for any courses satisfying general education, pre-major, major, minor, or certification requirements. 2. Academic departments may exclude additional courses and may prohibit pass/fail courses from being used as prerequisites for degree requirements. 3. Courses taken on permit at other institutions and independent study courses may not be taken on a pass/fail basis.   **Credit Maximum:** The student may not elect more than eight credits (8) total as Pass/Fail. The total number of P grades on a transcript may not exceed 90 credits. This includes all credits transferred from other institutions.  **Grading and Grade Point Average:** For courses taken as Pass/Fail, letter grades “A through C” are converted to P; letter grades of D and F are converted to F. A pass “P” grade is not counted in the student’s grade point average. A fail “F” grade is counted in the student’s grade point average.  **Prerequisite Academic Standing:** A student must be matriculated, with sophomore, junior, or senior standing. Transfer students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits at the College of Staten Island. To elect this option, the student must have a GPA greater than or equal to 2.25.  **Deadlines:** Students must elect the Pass/Fail option each semester by the start of the tenth week of classes (the 60% completion point of that semester, with the specific date to be posted in the academic calendar). Students may not elect the pass/fail option retroactively. Once the election of pass/fail has been made, the student may no longer choose to receive a letter grade other than P/F for the course. |
| Rationale for change | Under the current Pass/Fail grading policy, students who earn the letter grade of A through C are converted to P, while letter grades of D and F are converted to F. This is inconsistent with the grading policy for all other courses, as published in the grading table, under which a grade of D is considered passing and students receive credit for completing the course. |
| Assessment plans | The Course and Standing Committee can request data from the Registrar’s Office regarding the number of students who selected the Pass/Fail option, courses for which the option was exercised, and additional academic profile information of the students (majors, GPA, year in college, etc.) for each semester. |
| Expected impacts on enrollment | No student enrollment impacts are anticipated. |
| Expected impacts on classwork/registration | Since the only courses eligible for Pass/Fail grading are those taken as electives, there is no anticipated impact on classwork and/or course registration. |
| Revision to policy  (From🡪To) | **~~Grading and Grade Point Average:~~** ~~For courses taken as Pass/Fail, letter grades “A through C” are converted to P; letter grades of D and F are converted to F.~~ A pass “P” grade is not counted in the student’s grade point average. A fail “F” grade is counted in the student’s grade point average.  **Grading and Grade Point Average:** For courses taken as Pass/Fail, letter grades “A through D” are converted to P; letter grades of F remain as F. A pass “P” grade is not counted in the student’s grade point average. A fail “F” grade is counted in the student’s grade point average. |