

**To:** The University Senate  
**From:** University Senate Educational Policy Committee  
**Subject:** Extension of deadline for students to switch any Fall 2020 course from a letter grade to P/NP

**Reference:** <https://protect.purdue.edu/updates/message-to-students-regarding-grading-and-drop-modifications-for-the-spring-semester/> <https://www.purdue.edu/registrar/calendars/2020-21-Academic-Calendar.html>

**Disposition:** University Senate for Discussion and Adoption

**Rationale:** To mitigate negative academic impacts to students due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in spring 2020, Purdue University extended its deadline for students to switch any course from a letter grade to P/NP. The language from the announcement to students in spring 2020 (<https://protect.purdue.edu/updates/message-to-students-regarding-grading-and-drop-modifications-for-the-spring-semester/>) is as follows:

- *“Pass/No Pass: Students have until the end of the semester (May 1, Friday before finals) to switch any course from a letter grade to P/NP.*
  - *The minimum threshold for a grade of “P” is defined as a C- for all 10000-40000 level courses in Spring 2020.*
  - *Passing grades for courses completed in Spring 2020 will count for any and all degree, admissions indexes, and pre-requisite requirements internal to Purdue.*
  - *As always, P/NP grades are not used in computing GPA.”*

**Proposal:** To lessen negative impacts on student academic performance during the continued pandemic in Fall 2020, the last day for students to switch a course from a letter grade to P/NP, if the course is currently allowed to be taken P/NP, will be *extended from Monday, October 26, 2020, to Friday, December 4, 2020* (Friday before Fall 2020 finals).

- Other than the deadline extension for fall 2020, no other changes to existing P/NP regulations will be made. Students must follow all regulations already established by programs, majors, departments, schools, the University, or other units regarding P/NP (including whether P/NP is allowed).

- “Pass/No Pass: Students have until the end of the semester (December 4, Friday before finals) to switch a course from a letter grade to P/NP, if the course is currently allowed to be taken P/NP, with Instructor, Advisor, and Department Head Signatures.
  - The minimum threshold for a grade of “P” is defined as a C- for all 10000-40000 level courses in Fall 2020.
  - Passing grades for courses completed in Fall 2020 will count for degrees, admissions, indexes, and prerequisite requirements internal to Purdue, in accordance with established departmental, program, and major requirements.
  - As always, P/NP grades are not used in computing GPA.
  - In Spring 2021, established deadlines for changing letter grades to P/NP will be reinstated.

### **Committee Votes:**

**For:**

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