

**To:** The University Senate

**From:** University Senate Educational Policy Committee

**Subject:** Extension of Deadline for Students to Switch Spring 2021 Courses from a Letter Grade to P/NP

**Reference:** <https://www.purdue.edu/senate/documents/meetings/Senate-Document-20-18.pdf>  
<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 and fall 2020, Purdue University extended its deadline for students to switch any course from a letter grade to P/NP.

**Proposal:** To lessen negative impacts on student academic performance during the continued pandemic in Spring 2021, 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, March 22, 2021 to Friday, April 30, 2021* (Friday before spring 2021 finals).

- Like in fall 2020, other than the *deadline extension* for spring 2021, 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 (April 30, 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 spring 2021.
  - Passing grades for courses completed in spring 2021 will count for degrees, admissions, indexes, and pre-requisite 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 fall 2021, established deadlines for changing letter grades to P/NP will be reinstated.

### **Committee Votes:**

#### **For:**

Thomas Brush  
Todor Cooklev  
Donna Ferullo  
Jennifer Freeman  
\*Keith Gehres  
\*\*Mili Jha  
\*\*Pratik Kashyap  
Nan Kong  
Erik Otárola-Castillo  
Li Qiao  
Vanessa Quinn  
Libby Richards  
\*Jenna Rickus  
John Sheffield  
Thomas Siegmund  
\*Jeff Stefancic  
\*\*Hannah Walter

#### **Against:**

#### **Abstained:**

#### **Absent:**

Eric Kvam  
Greg M. Michalski

\* Indicates advisers with voting rights.

\*\*Indicates student members.