

Motion: Allow Pass/Fail Grades for All Courses in Spring 2020

Rationale: given the disruption of moving all courses to remote teaching, this motion provides students taking courses at UMW in Spring 2020 to request a Pass/Fail grade for any, or all, of their classes, including courses taken to satisfy major and General Education requirements. A number of other institutions have moved all course grades to pass/fail in recognition of this disruption.

Motion: suspend the following language from the Undergraduate Catalog for courses taken in Spring 2020 only:

Previous language:

Courses taken pass/fail can generally be used only for elective credits. They cannot be used to fulfill Major Program or Minor Program requirements. They may not be used to fulfill General Education requirements with this one exception: the Experiential Learning Requirement, may be completed on a Pass/Fail basis. Students should be careful about using the pass/fail option before choosing a major.

A student may take up to one pass/fail and two satisfactory/unsatisfactory courses in the same semester. The decision to take a course pass/fail must be made no later than the deadline to withdraw from individual courses. If the decision is not made at registration, the student must go to the Office of the Registrar by the deadline to withdraw from individual courses to change a course from graded to pass/fail or from pass/fail to graded credit. Before electing to use the pass/fail option, a student should consider its effect on the opportunity to earn academic awards, honors, and distinctions, for these are determined, in part, on the basis of a specified minimum number of graded credits earned, excluding pass/fail and satisfactory/unsatisfactory credits.

New language for Spring 2020 only (removal of the language in red italics):

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