Redlands Community College
Pass/No Pass Grade Option for Spring 2020 for Students

What is Pass/No Pass grading?

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the possible effects on students, Redlands is adopting an additional grading option for the spring 2020 semester. Pass/No Pass grading is an **optional** grading method that students may choose to use this semester. Students who earn a grade of D or higher at the end of the spring 2020 semester may request to change their grade to Pass. **Students who earn a grade of F will automatically have their grade changed to NP or No Pass.** Both Pass and No Pass are GPA neutral and give students the opportunity to successfully complete a class with no penalty to GPA, thus relieving some academic pressure as students adapt to a remote environment.

To ensure academic success, students should **CAREFULLY** consider whether to use the Pass/No Pass grading option. Depending on the student, the decision **could impact** academic status, application to a competitive entrance program such as healthcare, law, etc., Financial Aid eligibility, or transfer to a four-year university.

Pass/No Pass may be a good option if…

- You are struggling with the transition to online learning.
- You do not need to boost your GPA to be more competitive for admission to applicant programs/majors. Visit with your academic advisor for more information.
- You have a special circumstance that prevents you from performing to your typical standards.

Pass/No Pass may NOT be a good option if…

- You feel your current course grade will raise your GPA.
- You are looking to boost your GPA to be more competitive for admission to an applicant program.
- You are repeating a course where you are looking to replace a D+ or lower, or a WD.

Additional Considerations...

- A Pass/No Pass grade does not impact your GPA.
- A grade of No Pass earns zero credits.
- Students may choose the Pass option for any spring 2020 course **ending after March 22, 2020.**
- All students earning a grade of F will have the **F changed to No Pass automatically**.
- If students wish to keep their grade of F instead of No Pass, they must submit their request using the Pass/No Pass grade change form. A grade of F negatively impacts GPA.
- Students who arrange with their instructor for an **Incomplete (I)** will have the choice of selecting Pass/No Pass seven (7) days following the faculty member's posting of the A-F grade.

- If you are considering **transferring to a university**, most Oklahoma colleges are following similar guidelines to Redlands, however, there could be differences within departments. Please contact your academic advisor with questions at Admissions@redlandscc.edu.
- If you are on **Financial Aid**, please review the information below on how the Pass/No Pass may impact your Financial Aid status.
    - The letter grades of Pass and No Pass will be GPA neutral when determining a student's satisfactory academic progress for financial aid. Additionally, as a result of a qualifying emergency (COVID-19), Redlands will exclude from the quantitative component of the SAP calculation any attempted credit hours that were not completed by the student. If Redlands receives guidance from the Department of Education beyond what we've currently received, we will communicate any changes to students.
    - If you are currently on financial aid warning or probation and would like to discuss your specific situation, please email the Financial Aid Office at Financial.Aid@redlandscc.edu or contact them by telephone at 405.422.6250 and a Financial Aid Counselor will discuss this with you.

How do students initiate the Pass/No Pass grade request?

All students wishing to change their grade to Pass (or from NP to F) will do so through their my.Redlandscc login. The form will be student-initiated and will not need approval; when submitted by the student it will be received by the Registrar's Office where the grade will be changed.

All students earning a grade of F in courses ending after March 22, 2020 will have the F automatically changed to NP during end of term processing for Spring 2020. Students who wish to retain the grade of F will need to submit the request using the Pass/No Pass form.

After logging into my.Redlandscc, you will find the form under Resources and Support on the right side of the page.

Questions?

- For course or final grade-related questions, please contact your professor.
- For financial aid related questions, email Financial.Aid@redlandscc.edu
- For nursing admission application questions, email Nursing.Program@redlandscc.edu
- For additional departmental contact information, please visit www.redlandscc.edu/about/departmental-directory.
- For all other questions concerning admissions or advising, email Admissions@redlandscc.edu
- All other academic questions should be directed to the Chief Academic Officer at CAO@redlandscc.edu