In deciding whether to elect P/NC or maintain Plus/Minus grading for courses, please refer to the Registrar's website here: https://www.lsu.edu/registrar/academics/spring-2020-pass-nc.php.

**Students who previously withdrew from a course with a W can still elect to change to the P/NC framework. In this scenario, W grades will be converted to an NC grade.**

- For those who are considering transitioning one or more classes to a P/NC option, a web portal will be made available to students no later than Monday, April 27th. There, you will be able to select which courses you want to opt into the framework. You will be able to make your selections between April 27th and 11 p.m. on May 2nd. The portal will then close for the week of final exams and will re-open between May 11th and 4:30 p.m. on May 13th.

- It is only on your final official grade report and transcript that you will see the P/NC designation reflected.

- Students who prefer to keep the +/- letter grades they have earned will not require any action.

- Financial aid and scholarships may be adversely affected by selecting the P/NC option. Students should check with a financial aid counselor and/or visit the FAQ section of the Financial Aid & Scholarships website to make a determination (https://lsu.edu/financialaid/index.php).

- Students who have questions potential impact on TOPS can consult the following link for additional information:

- There are potentially significant implications, including: negative effects on academic standing, probationary status, financial aid and scholarships and even graduation.

- Those who want to change one or more courses to P/NC will need to certify that they understand the implications of doing so and that they are choosing to elect this grading system.

- Medical schools have been indicating that they will require standard letter grades and not P designations for applicants from schools that are not having a forced P/NC or P/F grading framework. LSU’s policy is elective, and you could therefore face significant consequences when applying to medical schools if the P/NC grading option is selected.

- Many other professional, law, veterinary, dental, and graduate schools have strict admission requirements related to the acceptance of P grades. Students seeking entry into one of these programs should research required grading requirements for admission, as P grades may not be sufficient.
Pass/No Credit Grading

Pass (P)
- Earned in place of C- or higher
- Will count toward class credit required for degree/major.
- No credit toward GPA- cannot be used to raise GPA
- This means that if a student is working toward increasing their GPA to regain good academic standing with the university, achieve a required GPA for admission into a senior college, achieve a specific GPA requirement for CATS, or achieving a specific GPA requirement for a scholarship or financial aid eligibility the “P” or “NC” on the transcript will not positively or negatively impact the student's GPA. In some cases, changing to the “P/NC” may prevent a student from achieving their GPA goal.
- For undergraduates, P grades will count as the prerequisite for all future courses, even if a grade of C- or B- or better is required. Will also count for CATS requirements of C- or better.

No Credit (NC)
- In place of D+ or lower
- Will not count toward class credit required for degree/major. If the course is required for the student's degree program and “NC” is awarded, the student would need to retake the course in a future semester.
- No penalty toward GPA- will not reduce or increase GPA.
- This means that if a student is working toward increasing their GPA to regain good academic standing with the university, achieve a required GPA for admission into a senior college, achieve a specific GPA requirement for CATS, or achieving a specific GPA requirement for a scholarship or financial aid eligibility the “P” or “NC” on the transcript will not positively or negatively impact the student's GPA. In some cases, changing to the “P/NC” may prevent a student from achieving their GPA goal.
- Not earning credit in a course can have significant consequences that you will want to consider.
  - Financial aid and scholarships may be adversely affected by selecting the P/NC option.
  - Students should check with a financial aid counselor and/or visit the FAQ section of the Financial Aid & Scholarships website to make a determination: ([https://lsu.edu/financialaid/index.php](https://lsu.edu/financialaid/index.php))
  - You must have 15 hours of earned credit to earn President’s or Dean’s List Honor Rolls.
  - Hours earned also impact future scheduling priorities, certain eligibility requirements, and can impact financial aid ([https://lsu.edu/financialaid/index.php](https://lsu.edu/financialaid/index.php))
  - If you get an NC in a course and it is a prerequisite for another course you intend to take, you cannot move on to the next course until earning credit for the initial course.
  - Students earning an NC may delay their graduation timeline. You should check with your advisor to determine if this will be a problem.

You must have 15 hours of earned credit to earn President's or Dean's List Honor Rolls.

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