

# KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

## A/Pass/Fail Policy for Spring 2020



### THINGS TO CONSIDER

#### Applying to professional/graduate school

- Each school will likely have different policies
- Discuss the implications with your Academic Advisor

#### Financial Aid

- Contact [finaid@ksu.edu](mailto:finaid@ksu.edu) for financial concerns

#### Private Scholarships

- Check the requirements
- Contact your scholarship provider for more information

#### International Students

- Try to remain a full time student
- Contact your sponsor for implications

#### NCAA

- Consult with your Academic Sports Counselor



### IMPACT ON GPA

#### If you opt in:

#### Effect on future retakes

- As long as all other requirements are met, you would be able to retake these courses in the future

#### Effect on current retakes

- The grade from your previous attempt will no longer be accounted
- If you pass this semester with an A or F that will be counted in your GPA

#### How to calculate

- Check out the next page for instructions of how to calculate your GPA
- Use this video with step by step instructions



### SPECIAL CHANGES DUE TO COVID

#### This policy now applies to the following groups for S2020:

- all currently enrolled students at K-State
- students on academic warning
- K-State courses taken while on study abroad

A/pass/fail can be applied to any class for S2020 that is using standard grading

S2020 A/P/F courses will not count toward limits on A/P/F courses



### HOW TO ELECT INTO A/PASS/FAIL

1. Fill out the [A/Pass/Fail form](#)
2. Get the necessary signatures from your advisor\*\*
3. Your advisor will then submit the form to the registrars office

\*\*if your advisor is also your instructor, please have your department head sign the form

Deadline to turn in  
A/Pass/Fail Form:  
**May 8th, 2020 at  
5pm**

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## Deciding what is best for you

**Directions:** Use this tool to help you decide if electing into the A/Pass/Fail option is right for you. Start by marking which special category you may fit into and then see what impact this option may have on your GPA. Lastly, make your decision which class you would like to use the A/Pass/Fail option for.



### 1ST

Determine if you fall into special categories

\_\_\_Applying to Professional/graduate school  
Contact your Academic Advisor

\_\_\_Financial Aid Concerns  
Contact [finaid@ksu.edu](mailto:finaid@ksu.edu)

\_\_\_Private Scholarships  
Contact your scholarship provider

\_\_\_International Student  
Contact your sponsor

\_\_\_NCAA Athlete  
Contact your Academic Sports Counselor

If you fall into any of these categories take extra consideration how this will impact you. Contact the appropriate parties before deciding.



### 2ND

How will this impact your GPA?

First-- it is important to know,

- As= positive impact on your GPA
- Pass= neutral effect on your GPA
- Fs= negative effect on your GPA

Step 1: Start by calculating your current semester GPA by inputting your current grades and the # of credit hours each class is worth into a [GPA calculator](#).

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Step 2: Change the # of credit hours to 0 for any class you are considering taking a Pass for. This would be for a grade that is either B, C, or D. *Remember this takes out the effect this grade has on your GPA.*

A/Pass/Fail GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Step 3: Calculate the difference in your GPA from step 1 to step 2.

**FUN FACT:** Your GPA is impacted by the # of credit hours your class is worth. The higher the # of credit hours, the heavier the impact. i.e. a 5 credit hour class is worth more than a 3 credit hour class.



### 3RD

Make your final decision

Which classes are you wanting to use the A/Pass/Fail option for?

Class #: \_\_\_\_\_

Class #: \_\_\_\_\_

Class #: \_\_\_\_\_

Class #: \_\_\_\_\_

Class #: \_\_\_\_\_

You will need the course # for each class you are opting to use A/Pass/Fail. You can find this on your KSIS student center.

**FUN FACT:** You can use the A/Pass/Fail grading option on some or all of your classes: there is no limit.