

**Spring 2021  
University of Rochester Nursing  
Pass-Fail Grading FAQs**

**Will all courses be graded pass/fail?**

No, not all courses can be graded pass/fail. See your course syllabi for availability of this option on your course(s).

**Will pass/fail grades be applied automatically to any course that has this option?**

No, letter grades will be assigned automatically unless the required request form is submitted to the SON Registrar by the deadline. (April 30, 2021. Or in the case of modular RN to BS courses, the deadline is 1 week prior to the course end date.) Required form can be found at <https://www.son.rochester.edu/current-students/forms.html>.

**Which letter grades constitutes passing or failing?**

Upon completion of the course, faculty issue final grades of S (Satisfactory) or E (Failure) for graduate students, or P (Pass) or E (Failure) for undergraduate students. For graduate students, a grade of S corresponds to letter grades A, A-, B+, B, or B-. For undergraduate students, a grade of P corresponds to letter grades of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, or C.

**What is the Impact on Academic Standing and Probation?**

If a student is currently on Academic Probation at the start of the semester, academic probation will continue for the remainder of this semester. A grade of P/S may remove a student's probationary status when all removal criteria is met; a grade of E will count as a failure to meet academic probation requirements.

**What is the Impact on student grievance or petition?**

Nothing in this policy is intended to limit a student's right to file any grievance or petition as described in the Student Handbook, or any other SON academic policy. All petitions or grievances must be filed as described in the Student Handbook.

**What is the Impact on prerequisite course requirement?**

For this 2021 spring semester, a grade of S will satisfy a future course prerequisite requirement.

**What is the impact on Dean's List?**

A course graded pass/fail cannot be used to meet any of the 6 credit minimum needed to be awarded Dean's List.

**What is the impact on future school applications (e.g graduate, professional schools)?**

As pass/fail grades cannot be uncovered in the future, you are urged to consider carefully if you want to choose the pass/fail option. You may need to repeat a course required by a future school application requirement if you choose the pass/fail option.

**Will choosing the pass/fail option impact my tuition benefits or financial aid?**

UR employee tuition benefits and SON Scholarships are not affected by selecting the pass/fail option, nor is federal financial aid. You are encouraged to find out if the pass/fail option impacts any other benefit from another employer or outside scholarship that you may receive.