**A/Pass/Fail Decision Making**

Academic Advisors: Please ask questions before signing the A/Pass/Fail Opt-In form allowing students to change their grade mode to A/Pass/Fail. Your signature is not permission, but signals that you have helped students consider the implications of their decision.

What prompts you to consider A/Pass/Fail for a course(s)?
- Check for sound decision-making and underlying issues that students may need to address for successful course completion.

Consider hours attempted and GPA implications of this choice.
- “A” grades are factored into the GPA.
- “P” grades lead to hours earned, but there is no GPA implication.
  - Where is the student relative to the UG Academic Warning/Dismissal Policies table? Will “P” hours put the student in the next retention category without the benefit of stronger GPA?
  - Will a “P” affect GPA requirements for scholarships?
  - Will a “P” negatively affect competitive/selective program admission within K-State?
- “F” grades affect the GPA. This grading mode is not permission to slack.
- A grade of “P” could affect competitive internship placements.

Consider implications for Financial Aid.
- We are awaiting guidance on how courses taken A/Pass/Fail will affect Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).
  Students should consult their financial aid counselor for specific guidance.
- Students receiving GI-Bill benefits may take courses A/Pass/Fail, once a student has successfully completed a course, even if the final grade is a “Pass,” the VA will not pay for the student to repeat the course unless a higher grade for the class is required for the completion of the student’s program of study.
  Students with questions should consult the Veteran Benefits Office at veteran@k-state.edu

Consider implications for NCAA eligibility.
- Student athletes need to consult with their team’s academic sport counselor.
- Student-Athlete Services Staff Contacts:
  - Kristin Waller: Director SAS – kwaller@kstatesports.com (any general questions)
  - Maryclare Wheeler: Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Tennis - mwheele@ksu.edu
  - Jamie (Hamor) Cherry: Baseball, Women's Golf, Soccer - jamieh@ksu.edu
  - Bill Banks: Football, Men's Golf - wbanks1@ksu.edu
  - Marissa Edwards: Football - medwards@kstatesports.com
  - Grace Hnizdil: Men's/Women's Track/CC, Rowing, Volleyball - ghnizdil@kstatesports.com

Consider implications for international students.
- Kuwait undergraduate students and students sponsored by the HEI-Egypt program must receive letter grades (A, B, C, D, F) to fulfill the requirements of their government scholarships.
Consider implications for students who aspire to professional or graduate school.

- Medical schools historically have expected students earn a letter grade in the required prerequisite courses.
- Some professional schools assume students earned the lowest possible grade allowed for a Pass. At K-State, a “D” grade becomes “P” in the A/Pass/Fail grade mode.
- Spring 2020 is an unusual semester in higher education. Although some leniency is likely from professional and graduate schools, we do not have control over how these schools will interpret these grades.

Consult the FAQs on the Registrar’s web site for updates on these guidelines.