



Know the Facts About: THE FLEXIBLE GRADING OPTION

1. What is the Flexible Grading Option?

The Flexible Grading Option is an alternative grading option that has been implemented due to onset of COVID-19 for spring – summer 2020 semesters. It will allow students to receive a letter grade of Passing (P) for grades of A, B, C and Pass Satisfactory (PS) for grade of D. The F grade in both the Flexible Grading Option or traditional grade scale will not be factored in the students GPA.

2. Do I have to select the Flexible Grading Option?

Students are not required to select the Flexible Grading Option; however, for students that do not choose this option, the traditional grade scale will apply.

3. Can graduating Seniors use the Flexible Grading Option?

Yes, however, the student must still meet the GPA requirements for graduation of at least 120 semester credit hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. The student must be advised that the Pass or Fail option may impact meeting graduate school or professional certification program admission requirements.

4. What happens if I do not make a choice?

Students that do not select the Flexible Grading Option, will remain under the traditional grading scale (A, B, C, D, and F). The F grade in both the Flexible Grading Option or traditional grade scale will not be factored in the students GPA.

5. What is the process to opt into Flexible Grading Option?

To be considered for Flexible Grading Option, student must virtually meet with their advisor to discuss the Flexible Grading Option and then complete (Flexible Grading Option) form available through TigerNet.

6. If the course selected for Flexible Grading Option is a pre-requisite for another course, what happens?

The student must make a P-pass grade in the course. If the student makes a PS grade which is equivalent to a grade of D, the student will have to repeat the course until they successfully make a C or better in the course.



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7. What impact does the Flexible Grading Option have on a student's Financial Aid?

The financial aid awards and disbursements were based on the number of hours enrolled. The Pass/Fail option will not impact the awards for spring 2020.

8. How will the Pass (P) and Pass Satisfactory (PS) have on a student's GPA and SAP?

The grade of P-pass will not impact Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) but the D and F grades could result in a student not meeting the SAP requirements. As with all the other terms, the student has the option to appeal with the Office of Financial Aid.

9. How does the grade of D and F impact a student's Financial Aid Status?

State of Florida Programs, EASE and FSAG, require that the student earn 24 hours with a cumulative 2.0 GPA. Therefore, the grades of D and F could impact the student's eligibility to receive those programs in 2020-2021 year. The Pass grade along with the D and F grades could impact the renewal of the Bright Futures award. The Bright Future requirements for the Florida Academic Scholarship is a 3.0 and the Florida Medallion is 2.75 and both require 24 hours earned. We currently have not been given any guidance from the Florida Office of Student Financial Assistance concerning any adjustments being made for Pass/Fail grades. Depending on the situation, the state also allows an appeal process.

10. Can the Flexible Grading Option be changed at a later time back to the normal standard grade scale?

Once the Flexible Grading Option has been applied to a student record it cannot be changed.

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