Pass/Fail (P/F) Grades

P/F Grade - General Information

**Scope**
On March 16, MCC moved all face-to-face courses to a remote learning environment. MCC recognizes that many students faced challenges in this type of learning for many different reasons (access to technology, learning style, and increased family responsibilities). To assist our students with completing the semester successfully, the college will accept administrative grade P/F petitions for Winter (19/20) grades only. This administrative grade will be available for applicable students to prevent further disruption to their educational completion.

**Definition**
A Pass (P) can only be awarded in cases where the final grade would be a C or better. If a student elects to be graded Pass/Fail and the final grade would be between C- and D-, a Fail (F) would be given.

A grade of P is equivalent to 2.0 while the F is equivalent to a grade of 0. Neither grade will be calculated into the term or cumulative G.P.A.

**P/F Grade Eligibility**
This P/F grade will be available to students starting 05/19/20 through 12/23/20. This P/F administrative grade change process is for course(s) taken in the Winter 2020 (W19/20) term only.

P/F Grade – Process

1) Students can request a P/F Grade Change appointment with their Assigned Advisor by contacting the Advisement Center at Advising@mcc.edu or (810) 762-0331.

2) Assigned Advisor will conduct an advising session regarding the P/F Grade Change during the session and will discuss the P/F Grade and information included in this resource guide.

3) Upon a successful advising session, if the student is in agreement with pursuing the P/F Grade Change, the Assigned Advisor will complete the P/F Grade Change request form electronically and email the completed P/F grade change form to the students MCC email account.

4) The student will be responsible for completing the electronic form and/or provide their consent in writing (via MCC email account) when submitting form to the Registrar’s Office at Registrar@mcc.edu

5) The Registrar’s Office will process P/F Grade Change requests and communicate with the student when processed.
P/F Grade Change – Key Considerations

When considering if the P/F grade is a good option to pursue, it is important that the student considers the impact this decision may have on their academic goals. Every students’ academic goals are unique, so it is important that each student considers any future impact this decision may have on completing these academic goals.

Graduation
Since the Pass (P) grade is equivalent to a 2.0 grade, the course will meet graduation requirements unless the Program of Study requires a grade higher than a 2.0 in that course. A student is required to have an overall GPA of 2.0. The P grade will not calculate in the GPA and therefore will not assist the student with reaching the graduate GPA requirement.

Future Course/Program Completion

FUTURE COURSES WITH PREREQUISITES

Students will want to consider the courses remaining in their program of study and if these future courses require a prerequisite above a 2.0 passing grade. Since the Pass (P) grade is equivalent to a 2.0 grade for prerequisite purposes, if the course(s) require a grade higher than a 2.0, students will not meet the prerequisite for courses and will be required to successfully complete the course at the grade level that meets the future course prerequisite.

Future Course Prerequisite examples:

ENGL-221 - Introduction to Literature - Prerequisite: Placement into RDNG-030 (ACSR-030), completion of ELAP-110 with a minimum grade of 2.0, or successful completion of RDNG-016 or ACLT-074 with a minimum grade of 3.0. Prerequisite: Successful completion of ENGL-101 or 103 with a grade of 2.0 or higher.

Below is an example of how the Pass (P) - Fail (F) grade would be applied to the ENGL-221 - Introduction to Literature course:

- A grade of Fail (F) in any of the prerequisite courses (ELAP-110 - 2.0 minimum grade, RDNG-016 or ACLT-074 - 3.0 minimum grade, and ENGL-101 OR 103 - 2.0 minimum grade) would not meet the prerequisite for the ENGL-221 course.

- A grade of Passing (P), which is equivalent to a 2.0 grade would meet the prerequisites of ELAP-110 and ENGL-101 or 103 would meet the ENGL-221 prerequisite.

- However, a grade of Passing (P), which is equivalent to a 2.0 grade, would not meet the prerequisite of completing RDNG-016 OR ACLT-074, since these must be completed with a minimum grade of 3.0.

For more information related to prerequisites can be located here: Prerequisite Information
COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS

Some programs at MCC have “Competitive Admission” and course grades are individually calculated in these competitive program admission requirements. Therefore, a P/F grade is not advisable for students in a competitive program (such as a health science program). We advise students to speak to the Division of that competitive program prior to requesting any P/F grade changes.

Financial Aid
Below are some general financial aid guidelines and implications for students selecting the pass/fail grading option for Winter 2020:

GPA: All courses are required to be included in the GPA, or qualitative measure, of SAP. Your GPA will not be impacted, negatively or positively, if the Pass option is chosen for a passing grade. However, for students who choose an F instead of their given letter grade, the F will count as a 0.0 in the GPA calculation.

Completion Rate/Pace: Students must pass at least 67% of their college level courses to maintain eligibility for financial aid. Therefore, students who receive any F grades under the pass/fail option could be impacted if their completion rate drops below 67%.

Maximum Time-Frame/Hours: Any P/F grades will count towards attempted hours and could cause a student to exceed their maximum time-frame/hours, which would impact a student’s eligibility for financial aid.

Transfer
Transferability of the P/F grade to another college or university must be taken into consideration. Although many colleges and universities have shared how transferability of a course with a P or F grade would be treated, each college and university have their own specific set of requirements. Therefore, prior to submitting a P/F Grade Change form, it is important that the student first confirm with the Registrar’s Office at the transfer college or university on the transferability of these courses.

The Office of the Registrar at MCC was able to retrieve responses from the Universities listed in the table beginning on page 4 of this document.
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<td>Baker College</td>
<td>If the transcript key indicates a P grade is equivalent to a C or higher we will accept credit.</td>
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<td>Central Michigan University</td>
<td>Central Michigan University accepts Pass/Fail/S grades for transfer credit as long as there is an official written statement on the official transcript key indicating the grade is equivalent to a C- or higher. This is our normal transfer credit policy. However, during this time, CMU will look for an official statement on the college website indicating Pass/Fail/S grades are equivalent to a C- or higher since we know not everyone will be able to have it added to their transcript key.</td>
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<td>Cleary University</td>
<td>We will be accepting P/F grades for the Spring 2020 semester.</td>
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<td>Eastern Michigan University</td>
<td>For Winter semester 2020 courses only we will accept successful Pass-Fail credit in transfer from other accredited academic institutions. As is the case with EMU pass-fail credit, receiving credit may not automatically meet all program specific requirements for applying credit or meeting prerequisites. Students should consult with program advisors at EMU to be sure on this issue.</td>
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<td>Ferris</td>
<td>Ferris will accept the pass grade and for the spring 2020 semester.</td>
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<td>Lawrence Technological University</td>
<td>LTU will accept any grade that is listed in the transcript where the transcript legend states the earned grade is equivalent to a C or better; this includes P/F grades.</td>
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<td>Oakland University</td>
<td>Satisfactory grades (&quot;Pass&quot;, &quot;Satisfactory&quot;, &quot;Credit&quot; etc.) in courses normally taught with letter or numeric grades will be accepted by Oakland University as credit for the Winter 2020 semester. Degree requirements that require a grade higher than a &quot;C&quot;, &quot;2.0&quot;, etc. will not automatically be satisfied. Students should refer to the School, College, or Department of their major in order to ensure their grades will apply toward intended degree requirements.</td>
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<td>SVSU</td>
<td>Pass/Fail or Pass/No Credit transfer grades from semesters impacted by COVID-19 will transfer to SVSU using the same guidelines as SVSU Pass/No Credit grades from Winter 2020. SVSU will accept a P grade if the original grade was a &quot;D&quot; or higher. This exception is only for the Winter 2020 semester (January 2020 – May 2020).</td>
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The University of Michigan-Flint will be accepting pass/fail grades on transcripts from transfer students. It is important to note that certain secondary admit programs may want to see letter grades when evaluating applicants (i.e. nursing).

1) U of M - Flint recommends that students contact the programs that they are applying to for more information.

2) Courses presented on transcripts will be evaluated for equivalencies. If there is an equivalency, direct credit will be awarded to the student. If is not a direct equivalency, credits will be evaluated for departmental credit. This will include courses that students elect to assign pass/fail credit.

3) U of M - Flint recommends students visit the following webpages
   a) https://www.umflint.edu/admissions/transfer
   b) https://www.umflint.edu/provost/academic-affairs-covid-19-information-resources