

POLICY ON PASS/FAIL COURSES FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

The purpose of the Pass/Fail option is to encourage students' intellectual exploration. Courses taken under the Pass/Fail option may not be used to satisfy general education, language, writing, IUT gateway, or major/minor program requirements.

When deciding whether to take a course Pass/Fail, consider the following important points:

- Course requirements are the same for Pass/Fail students as they are for other students.
- A Pass does not affect your grade point average, but a Failing grade is averaged into your grade point average.
- The Pass/Fail option is the student's choice and instructor reports the grade without knowing whether or not the student is taking the course on a Pass/Fail basis.
- Please note that designating a course Pass/Fail is irrevocable.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What courses can be taken Pass/Fail?

- In SHA, only general elective courses may be taken as a Pass/Fail. Courses that satisfy other academic requirements are excluded.

I want to take a course Pass/Fail. How do I do that?

1. Students wishing to declare a course Pass/Fail should carefully review the Policy on Pass/Fail Courses for Undergraduate Students. <https://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/policy-on-passfail-courses-for-undergraduate-students/>
2. Obtain approval from the Director of Student Services. Students must make all Pass/Fail option requests within the published deadlines – no exceptions will be made for a student missing the deadline.

I have taken a SHA course on a Pass/Fail basis but I would like to pursue a SHA major or minor.

- Please be reminded that courses taken Pass/Fail may not be retaken for a grade.
- Notify the Director of Student Services of your intent in writing. To meet the major or minor academic requirements, an appropriate coursework will be determined for you by the Dean's office.