

## EPC Update about P/NP Grading Options for Fall 2020 – How this Applies to BSPH Majors

Dear BSPH Students,

On 12/8/2020 all UC San Diego undergraduate students received an email announcing the Educational Policy Committee of the Academic Senate (EPC) update on Fall 2020 P/NP grading options. This message has been provided on the next page for reference.

In response to the EPC's new options for all undergraduate students the BSPH program is allowing students to enroll in any Public Health Major course for either a Letter Grade or P/NP **with the exception of FMPH 40 and FMPH 196A** in Fall 2020 to provide more flexibility to our students. This is a one-time exception for Fall 2020.

Please note, this approval is not retroactive and only applies to courses completed in Fall 2020.

To confirm, the following courses can be taken either for a Letter Grade or P/NP for FA20:

### Public Health Courses:

- FMPH 101, FMPH 102, FMPH 110, FMPH 120, FMPH 130, FMPH 161, FMPH 191

### Biology:

- BILD 1, BILD 2, BILD 3, BILD 10, BILD 20, BILD 30, COGS 17

### Quantitative Methods:

- MATH 11, PSYC 60, COGS 14B

### Social & Behavioral Sciences Electives:

- ANTH 2, ANTH 23, COGS 14A/PSYC 70/SOCI 60, COMM 10, ECON 1, ECON 2, ECON 3, ENVR 30, GLBH 20, HDS 1, HILD 30, POLI 10D, POLI 11D, POLI 30D, PSYC 1, PSYC 2, PSYC 3, PSYC 6, SOCI 1, SOCI 30

### Public Health Upper-Division Electives (UDEs):

- ANSC 144, ANSC 148, ANSC 164, BIBC 100, BIBC 102, BIBC 103, BICD 100, BICD 110, BICD 140, BIMM 100, BIMM 110, BIMM 120, BIPN 100, COGS 174, COMM 102C, ECON 131, ESYS 101, GLBH 100, GLBH 111, GLBH 148, GLBH 181, MATH 111A, MATH 181B, MATH 183, MATH 185, PHIL 163, PSYC 101, PSYC 104, PSYC 134, PSYC 155, PSYC 168, PSYC 179, PSYC 188, MGT 173, SIO 189, SOCI 102, SOCI 113, SOCI 134, SOCI 135, SOCI 152, USP 133, USP 136, USP 144

### PLEASE NOTE:

- Traditional health professions (medical school, physician assistant school, nursing), epidemiology, or other fields that value a hard science background may still require these courses for a Letter Grade. Please follow-up in the [VAC](#) and with a Healthbeat Advisor ([healthbeat@ucsd.edu](mailto:healthbeat@ucsd.edu)) if you have any questions.
- **A minimum grade of C- or P is required in any course to be counted towards fulfillment of LD and UD major requirements for FA20.**

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Dear Undergraduate Student,

We recognize that this has been a disquieting quarter and that many of you have faced unprecedented challenges while learning in a mostly remote environment during a pandemic.

In an effort to alleviate the academic stress we know you are experiencing, **the Educational Policy Committee of the Academic Senate is offering undergraduate students a *one time only* option to petition to retroactively change grading options from Letter to Pass/Not Pass in Fall 2020 classes. These petitions will be granted.**

Details about the process are not yet finalized, but we want you to know about the decision before you head into Finals Week. **The option will be accessible to you during the first four weeks of Winter 2021: January 4 - January 29, 2021.**

Important considerations include:

1. Students will be responsible for checking with their department, program and/or college to determine if courses taken P/NP will be accepted towards their major, minor, and/or college general education (it is up to each individual department, program, and college to make that decision)
2. Major, Minor, and/or general education courses that are offered only for letter grades will need waivers to allow Pass grades
3. Fall 2020 P/NP units *will* count toward the 25% maximum allowed by the university
4. Course work must be equivalent to C- or better to receive a P
5. A change from a D grade to a NP will result in a loss of units
6. Financial Aid packages will be affected by NP grades
7. A change to P/NP for a Fall 2020 course will be allowed for a repeat of a class in which a D or F grade was earned in an earlier term

Additional information will be provided to you before the January 4-29, 2021 period to make a decision about Fall 2020 grading options. Please plan to review that information prior to contacting your major/minor/college academic advisor(s).

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we all navigate through this strange and trying time.

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