

Division & School P/F Guidance From Units (Spring 2020)

Arts & Communication

The School of Arts and Communication encourages students to wait on making decisions about withdrawals and using the P/F (Pass/Fail) option until students have had time to review revised syllabi and course expectations communicated by SOAC faculty after Spring Break. At that time, students will have more complete information about revised course expectations and deadlines.

If a student chooses the P/F option for a course within the School of Arts and Communication taken during Spring 2020 that is a prerequisite for another course within the division, the School of Arts and Communication will consider a grade of P* as meeting the prerequisite.

Grades of C- or higher are counted toward the degree in all SOAC departments for Spring 2020. Students who choose the P/F option and then earn a D+ or lower, will receive an F on their transcript, and this is irreversible.

While COVID-19 has affected institutions around the world and we hope that most/all of them will be flexible regarding requirements completed during Spring 2020, we cannot guarantee this. Thus, if you are currently taking a course as a prerequisite for a graduate/professional program beyond PLU, please recognize that it is up to each individual graduate/professional program as to whether or not they will accept a P* as evidence of satisfactory completion of the requirement.

Please connect with your academic advisor and/or instructor if you have specific questions or concerns.

Business

Students in the School of Business may take BUSA and BUSA prerequisites P/F for Spring 2020.

Education

The Department of Education urges students to contact their advisor and the department for guidance on P/F. (Student should contact Ryan Branchini in the School of Education for specific information).

Humanities

Given the move to distance learning in response to COVID-19, all PLU student will have the option to take any Spring, 2020 course as Pass/Fail (P/F).

Any student with a Humanities major or minor who wishes to choose the P/F option in a Humanities course can do so, and this choice will not negatively impact any students' trajectory in a Humanities program. "P*" grades will be acceptable in courses that are a prerequisite for subsequent Humanities courses.

Students who have question about whether this option might have any impact on

graduate or professional admissions or qualifications should consult with their advisor and/or program chair.

Students who take this option will have their grades on their transcripts of “P*” or “F”, with the asterisk calling attention to the circumstances of this semester. All transcripts will make note that this semester’s courses were taken in the midst of global pandemic.

Interdisciplinary Programs

Given the move to distance learning in response to COVID-19, all PLU student will have the option to take any Spring, 2020 course as Pass/Fail (P/F).

Any student in PLU’s Interdisciplinary Programs who wishes to choose the P/F option can do so, and it will not change their trajectory in any Interdisciplinary major or minor program. “P*” grades will be acceptable in courses that are a prerequisite for subsequent interdisciplinary courses.

Students who have question about whether this option might have any impact on graduate or professional admissions or qualifications should consult with their advisor and/or program chair.

Kinesiology

The Department of Kinesiology encourages students to wait on making decisions about withdrawals and using the P/F option until students have had time to review revised syllabi and course expectations communicated by their faculty after Spring Break. At that time, students will have more complete information about course expectations and will be better rested (hopefully) to make important decisions.

If a student chooses the P/F option for a course within the Kinesiology department, or from another department (e.g. Biology, Psychology) taken during Spring 2020 that is a prerequisite for another subsequent course within the major, the Kinesiology Department will consider a grade of P* as meeting the prerequisite.

Please note that a student who chooses the P/F option and then earns a D+ or lower will earn an F on their transcript, and this is irreversible.

PLU’s School of Nursing has indicated that students should NOT choose the P/F option for courses used as prerequisites for the Nursing Program, which include (from Natural Sciences) CHEM 105 and BIOL 206.

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Natural Sciences

The Natural Sciences Division encourages students to wait on making decisions about withdrawals and using the P/F option until students have had time to review revised syllabi and course expectations communicated by their faculty after Spring Break. At that time, students will have more complete information about course expectations and will be better rested (hopefully) to make important decisions.

If a student chooses the P/F option for a course within the Natural Sciences Division taken during Spring 2020 that is a prerequisite for another subsequent course within the division, the Natural Sciences Division will consider a grade of P* as meeting the prerequisite.

Please note that a student who chooses the P/F option and then earns a D+ or lower will earn an F on their transcript, and this is irreversible.

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Nursing

The School of Nursing encourages students to be in close communication with their academic advisors regarding any decisions regarding withdrawals or using the P/F option for Spring 2020.

For students that are currently in the major, conditional admits, intend to major in nursing or have their application in and are under review; the School of Nursing will accept a grade of P in general education classes and electives. If a student chooses the P/F option and then earns the equivalent of a D+ or lower, this will result in an F on the transcript, and this is irreversible.

Students should not choose the P/F option for prerequisite courses such as CHEM 105 and BIOL 206.

If you are currently planning on graduate school after PLU, please recognize that it is up to each

individual graduate program as to whether or not they will accept a P* as evidence of satisfactory completion of the requirement.

Social Sciences

The Division of Social Sciences encourages students to wait on making decisions about incompletes, withdrawals and using the P/F option until students have had time to review revised syllabi and course expectations communicated by their faculty after Spring Break.

If a student chooses the P/F option for a Division of Social Sciences course taken during Spring 2020 that is a prerequisite for another subsequent course within the division, the Division of Social Sciences will consider a grade of P* as meeting the prerequisite.

Please note that a student who chooses the P/F option and then earns a D+ or lower in the course will earn an F on their transcript, and this is irreversible.

The Department of History has indicated that a P/F option for students taking HIST 499 Capstone will not be available for Spring 2020.

The Department of Social Work has indicated that a P/F option for students taking SOCW 360 Social Work Practice I and SOCW 499 Capstone will not be available for Spring 2020.

PLU's School of Nursing has indicated that students should NOT choose the P/F option for courses used as prerequisites for the Nursing Program, which include (from the Division of Social Sciences) PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology, PSYC 320 Development Across the Lifespan, and STAT 231 Introductory Statistics (or equivalent).

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Study Away

Spring 2020 study away students may elect to take their PLU courses (those taught by a PLU faculty member) P/F. Students should contact the Wang Center to request P/F.