

The State of the Case Now

Student Records & Financial Aid

- Students can reverse from a letter grade to P/NP after the 30% limit for any courses that were previously scheduled as both grade letter or P/NP. A&R is currently processing letter to P/NP grade reversal requests for students in these courses.
- The California Chancellor's office executive order excludes NP grades from the calculation of a student's academic probation or dismissal status. However, the federal government still considers NPs as failing grades. At this moment NPs will affect students' academic progress (SAP) for purposes of federal financial aid eligibility on Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), and student direct loans.

SRJC's CORs: 1,899 currently active and approved CORs

- 163 non-credit
- 74 P/NP ONLY
- 695 Letter Grade Only
- 967 Grade OR P/NP

Counseling & Transfer

- a) Students planning to transfer that would like to opt for a P/NP are highly encouraged to consult with a counselor before requesting the change.
- b) UCs have lifted the cap on the number of Pass/No Pass units a student can use toward general ed and the 60 minimum units to reach junior-level standing (ie, general transfer admission) . However, they do not have a system-wide policy on Pass/No Pass grades for major classes and it's unlikely this will change. Students will need to contact their counselor or the individual UC program to determine what they will allow.
 - Potential complication will be for students who don't yet know if they are applying to UCs. Students tend to add a UC at the last minute when eligible (and many are), especially as faculty make admission list recommendations. (Or, students don't really know what is considered major prep if they haven't talked with a Counselor.) A P/NP in a major course this term that was okay for CSU is now likely problematic for a UC a year from now.
- c) CSUs are permitting Pass/No Pass grades for general education units toward junior-level standing (general transfer admission) and major prep classes (this has been confirmed by all 23 campuses and even in highly impacted schools and majors).

- d) Most transfer institutions do not utilize P/NP grades to calculate GPA for transfer eligibility. However, some use it at a 2.0 GPA grade level and it can adversely affect a student's overall GPA score.
- e) *Given all the unknowns, would it be possible for faculty to document and hold on to letter grade information for a longer period of time than is required after grade submission in the event that a student needs a P/NP reversal to make them eligible to UC?*

Recommended Process from Chancellor's Office

- a. Due to the various potential implications on students, the Chancellor's office advises against implementing blanket pass-no-pass grading policies.
- b. Any grading policy changes may require revising the current catalog (this can be done by a simple addendum) and should broadly be communicated to faculty and students.
- c. Provide written guidelines to students, staff, and faculty to ensure proactive advising and support for students.