

Due to the unique situation created by COVID-19, many institutions are allowing undergraduate students to choose a Pass/No Pass option in lieu of a letter grade in the fall semester. The School of Social Work is offering a Pass/No Pass (P/N) option for fall 2020, but students should consider their options carefully.

For BSW Students

The School of Social Work encourages students to receive letter grades in their social work professional coursework - particularly BSW students who intend to pursue MSW degrees either at Wayne State or at other institutions. Note that the decision for P/N grades will need to be made in consultation with an advisor. The instructor will assign the grade as normal, then the student, in consultation with their advisor, will need to decide whether or not to officially switch from the assigned grade (C- or better for BSW students) to a P grade. Advisors will also discuss changing P/N grades with graduating students, so they clearly understand the implications of their choices.

Letter Grade	Pass/No Pass Grade	Notes
A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-	P	Students may elect to change these grades to P. The earned credit will be retained, but the grade will not be factored into GPA calculations.
D+, D, D-	N	Students may elect to change D grades to N. If changed to N , no credit will be earned and the D grade will not be factored into GPA calculations.
F	N	These grades will automatically change to N. No credit will be earned and the grade will not be factored into GPA calculations.

For MSW Students

*The School of Social Work encourages students to receive letter grades in their social work professional coursework - particularly MSW students who intend to pursue a PhD degree either at Wayne State or at other institutions. Students in the MSW program will have the option of a **grade/no pass** option for fall classes. Classes will be graded normally at the end of the term and the instructor will enter the letter grade (ABCF) earned by the student. Then students receiving a grade of B- or lower may request that the instructor submit a grade change to "N". Student requests must be made by email to the instructor and copied to the assigned academic advisor.*

Letter Grade	Grade/No Pass	Notes
A, A-, B+, B,		After the end of the normal grading period, students who receive a grade that is normally considered a passing grade by graduate standards will receive their earned letter grade
B-, C+, C, F	N	Students who earn any of these grades may request that the instructor change the grade to an N. Students will not receive credit for those courses.

Students who opt for and receive a No Pass grade during the fall 2020 semester will not be terminated from the social work program as per the School's [policy on Academic Performance](#); however, students will be required to repeat the course in order to meet degree requirements.

Additionally, low-passing grades (e.g., B- to C for MSW students and D to D- for BSW students) received during the fall 2020 semesters will still be subject to the School's [policy on Academic Performance](#). Students who receive low-passing grades may opt to take the No Pass grade and retake the course in order to meet degree requirements.

Note- field grades are not considered for P/N grades.

Students will be able to elect P/N grading options for courses taken during fall 2020 until the time of their graduation. **Students who plan to graduate in fall 2020 will need to make any P/N grading option selections by December 23rd, 2020.**

For more information about WSU policy on P/N grades for Undergraduate students, [please click here](#).

For more information about WSU policy on P/N grade for Graduate students, [please click here](#).