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Dr. Jeffrey Dorfman, Chair  
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Dear Dr. Dorfman:

On August 23, 2010, the Educational Affairs Committee approved and voted to forward the attached revision to the Pass/Fail Incentives to Explore Non-Major Course Work Policy to the Executive Committee of University Council for consideration and placement on the September 23, 2010 Council agenda.

In addition, the Educational Affairs Committee approved edits to the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Academic Calendars, which would change Spring Commencement in 2011 and 2012 from a Saturday to a Friday. The Committee would like to forward this edit for consideration and placement on the September 23rd meeting agenda, as well.

If you have questions concerning this item, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at [sgiraud@uga.edu](mailto:sgiraud@uga.edu).

Sincerely,

Silvia Giraudo, Chair  
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c. Ms. Rebecca Macon, Registrar

## Pass/Fail Policy

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### Pass/Fail Incentives to Explore Non-Major Course Work

University of Georgia Academic Affairs Handbook, Section 205.

#### Purpose

This policy provides procedures by which undergraduates may enroll in elective courses outside their majors on a pass/fail basis. The pass/fail option is intended to reward students who wish to take courses outside their major and who are making satisfactory progress in their studies.

#### Definitions

Satisfactory Progress. A student who ~~earned at least 30 hours towards graduation was classified as full-time~~ during the preceding academic year (~~including summer~~) and who maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 is making satisfactory progress.

Pass/fail grading. Pass/fail courses will appear on the official transcript with a grade of "S" or "U." These grades do not count in the computation of the grade point average.

#### Policy

Students who have officially achieved Second Year status and who are making satisfactory progress may enroll in courses taught on a pass/fail basis in accordance with these conditions:

- Pass/fail courses may be taken as general electives. Courses taken to satisfy core curriculum requirements, courses required for the major and/or minor, courses that satisfy college-wide or institutional requirements (e.g., the Diversity Requirement, the Environmental Literacy Requirement), and other required courses may not be taken as pass/fail.

**Note:** At the 04/15/2003 meeting of the Education Affairs Committee of the University Council the policy was interpreted to exclude pass/fail courses from counting toward completion of an Area of Emphasis or Certificate program.

- During the semester they enroll in a pass/fail course, students must also take a minimum of 12 additional hours (6 semester hours during summer) of graded (A-F) course work at the University.
- This policy applies only to courses that are normally graded on an A-F basis.
- No more than three pass/fail courses may be counted towards an undergraduate degree. Courses taken on a pass/fail basis beyond this limit will earn institutional credit but will not count toward graduation.
- Once the drop-add period is over, a student who has registered for a course on the

pass/fail option may not for any reason change to A-F grading, or vice versa.

- Students enrolled in pass/fail courses shall receive a "U" if withdrawn from the course after the midpoint of the academic term, except in those cases in which the student is doing satisfactory work and the withdrawal is recommended by the Office of Student Affairs because of emergency or health reasons.
- Students enrolled in a course on a pass/fail basis must meet all normal course requirements (e.g., attendance, reports, papers, projects, examinations, labs, etc.) and will be graded in the usual way.
- A student who earns a "U" in a pass/fail course is not eligible for Presidential Scholar or Dean's List in the term in which the grade is assigned and also is not eligible to graduate with First Honor Graduate status.