Pass/No Pass* Grading Policy

Consistent with District policy, a student in good standing may elect to be graded on a Pass/No Pass basis in a course. A grade of “Pass” (P) shall be awarded only for work which otherwise would have received a grade of “C” or better. Work that would have received a “D” or “F” will be graded “No Pass” (NP). The units earned will be counted in satisfaction of program requirements, but will be disregarded in determining a student’s grade point average.

IMPORTANT: Students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution should review the Pass/No Pass acceptance policy of the transfer institution prior to requesting this grade option. Restrictions in the San Diego Community College District also apply.

Limitations:

1. No course required in the student’s major may be taken for Pass/No Pass. Some departments may limit this option further.
2. No more than 12 units of a student’s coursework completed in the San Diego Community College District may be graded on a Pass/No Pass basis.

Conditions:

1. Students who wish to be graded on a Pass/No Pass basis must submit a petition to the Admissions Office, or select the Pass/No Pass option on Reg-e by the deadline date listed in the schedule of classes. No exceptions to the deadline will be made.
2. An evaluation on a Pass/No Pass basis may not later be changed to a letter grade, nor may the reverse occur. No exceptions to this condition will be made. Petitions will not be accepted for exception to policy.

There are courses in which Pass/No Pass grades are used exclusively and are designated in the catalog course description by the statement “Pass/No Pass Only.” In addition, there are courses that cannot be taken on a Pass/No Pass basis; these are designated in the course description by the statement “Letter Grade Only.”

Note: Once you choose the Pass/No Pass grade option for a CRN, your decision cannot be reversed. Dropping the CRN and re-adding it will NOT reverse the Pass/No Pass grading option.

*Effective Fall 2009, the Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) grading option changed to Pass/No Pass (P/NP).