Pass/Fail option - Fall 2020

Steps	Additional Information
1. Students will have one week after grades are posted to select the P/F option.	The deadline for posting grades in MaineStreet is December 26, so the deadline for selecting the P/F option is January 2, 2021. You can select P/F for one or more fall courses by completing an online form that will be made available through the Office of Student Records on December 14, 2020. Do not submit the form until final grades have been posted. Students are encouraged to discuss their grading choices with their academic advisor.
2. Pass/Fail grades will follow the definitions in the Faculty Handbook, which are:	 a. LP, Low Pass, for a course passed on the pass/fail grading option equivalent to a D+, D, or D Credit is earned, but the grade point average (GPA) is not affected. b. P, Pass, for a course passed on the pass/fail grading option equivalent to a C- or above. Credit is earned, but the grade point average (GPA) is not affected. Students will need to consult with Faculty about the requirements necessary to earn a Pass. c. F, Failed means that no credit is earned and the GPA is not affected.
3. With this policy and procedure, the university will allow students to take multiple courses P/F.	A P/F course will be treated as a graded course for the purpose of degree completion and coded by Student Records to allow the course to meet requirements within allowable limits (e.g., a P may be required as opposed to a LP).
4. P/F courses will not count in the GPA.	A grade of P will not meet a "C+ or higher" prerequisite requirement. For Fall 2020, a

	grade of P will be counted as a C rather than a C
5. Once you have chosen a P/F for a course, there is no-opt out.	From that point, the course will remain P/F.
6. Please note: in some majors, a P will not satisfy licensure or accreditation requirements.	Also, the transfer of a P or LP grade to another academic institution will depend on that institution's transfer policies. If you have questions, please contact a faculty member, professional advisor, department chair, associate dean, or dean. They are all here to assist you in making this choice.
7. Faculty members and professional advisors will communicate with students to ensure that each is aware of the opportunity to select P/F in one or more courses by January 2, 2021.	

Withdrawal Policy - Fall 2020

Steps	Additional Information
 Students may choose to drop a course and receive a W grade (withdrawal) without academic penalty. The deadline for dropping is 4 p.m. on December 11, 2020. 	To drop a course, contact the associate dean or director of your department or college to get an official course add/drop request form and the required signatures. Check with your academic department for its procedure. Please note: Courses dropped will show on the student's academic record with a grade of W. The grade will not be computed into the semester average as a failing grade. (Bottom line: It is costly to pay for courses and drop them, but sometimes you may need to drop a course to reduce stress.
2. Please note: students need to maintain 6 or more credit hours to keep their student loans deferred.	Because each situation varies, students who receive financial aid should contact the Office of Student Financial Aid in person (Wingate Hall) by phone (207-581-1324), or at http://www.umaine.edu/stuaid. If you have a scholarship, check with the provider about any special stipulations. Special conditions may apply to international students and student athletes. They are encouraged to contact staff in the Office of International Programs (Stodder Hall, 207-581-3437, http://www.umaine.edu/international) and Academic Support Services for Student Athletes (207-581-1833), respectively, with any questions.
3. Dropping a course may affect your academic standing or eligibility to live on campus.	You are encouraged to talk with an academic advisor and a representative of Residence Life or the Director of Housing at 207-581-4580 (<u>http://umaine.edu/rlp</u>) to determine your status if you drop a course.