Temporary Change in Undergraduate Course Grading Options in Response to COVID-19

Bethune-Cookman University has modified its undergraduate grading policy for the fall 2020 semester. The University is giving students an option to elect a pass/fail grade for each course eligible for that option. In the event a student does not make that request by the deadline, the course(s) will be recorded based on the current grading system.

Students must carefully consider the implications for switching to a pass/fail grading system. **Communication with professors and advisors is critically important so that students clearly understand the implications of their choices.**

- Between **November 2 and November 13th, @11:59pm** students can make a request to receive a pass/fail grade for a course. In the event a student does not select the pass/fail by the deadline, the student will receive a grade according with the current grading system.
- Students may select a pass/fail option for one or all eligible undergraduate courses in which they are enrolled.
- The undergraduate catalog states that students must receive a grade of “C” or higher in English, Mathematics, Effective Oral Communication and courses in their major. A grade of “D” is passing for other courses. **Students should carefully consider choices and communicate with advisors.**
- A student cannot petition a pass/fail grade once a letter grade has been selected.
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- Pass/fail grades do not affect a student’s Grade Point Average (GPA). It will neither raise nor lower the GPA.
- If a student selects a pass/fail option, the previous semester’s academic standing will remain. If the current academic standing is warning or probation for example, that will remain. It will not worsen.
- If a student is trying to raise his/her GPA for scholarship or other purposes, pass/fail grades will not raise the GPA.
- If a student is enrolled in prerequisite courses for a program, the student should consider grades or GPA requirements before choosing pass/fail option.
- If grades are required for certification/licensure, the student should consult with his/her advisor before making a decision.
- Pass/fail grades will count as attempted hours earned and will, if successfully passed, count toward graduation.
- Nursing students will receive communication from the Director of the School of Nursing

**NOTE:** Students are encouraged to check with the B-CU Financial Aid Office regarding the potential impact of their financial aid/institutional scholarships in making this important decision.