

## Graduate Pass/Fail

Master's-level students may include pass/fail-graded courses to fulfill a portion of their program requirements provided that at least 18 hours are letter-graded course work (which does not include pass/fail courses), and any additional departmental or school requirements are satisfied. The college, school, and/or department administering the program shall determine which student course work shall be eligible for pass/fail credit.

Doctoral students must take dissertation credits as pass/fail. They may also select from among the designated pass/fail-graded experiences to meet their program requirements. They must take a minimum of 24 credit hours of letter-graded course work beyond the bachelor's degree and meet any additional departmental or school requirements.

For courses that permit a pass/fail grading modality, students may elect to add or change such a course to or from pass/fail, during the "add/drop" period only.

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**Commented [A2]:** I'm confused about the required 18 hours of letter graded coursework and 24 hours. The statements seem to conflict. More clarity is needed.

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**Commented [A3R2]:** I think this is just saying that MS students must take 18 graded hours beyond the BS and PhD students must take 24 beyond the BS. [Mention was removed], please confirm.

**Commented [A4R2]:** Correct, the first paragraph is specific to Master's level students and the second paragraph is specific to Doctoral students.

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**Commented [A7R6]:** I don't think this sentence is clear, still.

**Commented [A8R6]:** I think we could cut 'of which 18 hours must be at the 800 or level or higher.....' as that is specified in another policy. The idea was you have to have 24 hours of graded work and 18 of that has to be at the 800 level or higher.

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**Deleted:** Graduate Program Directors, Department Chairs, or Deans or their designees may, at their discretion, designate a course offerings or individual course experience as pass/fail, letter graded, or both.

**Commented [A10]:** I would suggest adding "only" to the end of this sentence. In my experience, we have students after the course is completed and graded, asking to convert the course to a pass/fail grade. Almost always.

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I would suggest adding "only" to the end of this sentence. In my experience, we have students after the course is completed and graded, asking to convert the course to a pass/fail grade. Almost always these are students who earned a C which hurts their GPA, requesting to convert their grade to a Pass which does not impact their GPA.

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