A grade of "Pass" represents a grade of A, B, or C for all undergraduate courses, and an A or B for all graduate courses

- **When should I consider this option:** You should consider this option if you want credit for the class, but not the GPA points associated with the grade you earned;
- **Will I earn credit with a ‘P’:** yes
- **Will I earn grade points with a ‘P’:** no
- **Will this grade of "P" impact my GPA:** no

A grade of "Fail" represents a grade of D or F for all undergraduate courses, and grades of C, D, or F for all graduate courses

- **When should I consider this option:** This is not a good option. Instead, you should consider requesting a late withdrawal, especially if you were not passing a course at midterm;

**What if I earned a ‘D’ in an undergraduate course or a ‘C’ in a graduate course:** You can accept the ‘D,’ and earn the grade points (if it is accepted by your program, this grade will fulfill the degree requirement, but your GPA will be impacted); or request a late withdrawal. **For Graduate Students:** You can accept the ‘C’ and earn the grade points (Only 2 grades of ‘C’ may be applied toward completion of any graduate degree program; or request a late withdrawal;
- **Will the ‘Fail’ affect my GPA:** Yes. It is the grade of ‘F.’
- **Will I earn credit with the ‘Fail’ grade:** No.

**How will this affect my financial aid, scholarships, and TOPS eligibility?** Without the calculation of a GPA, you may not be eligible for the continuation of certain scholarships/financial aids. Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation 41 JBE 2020, and it includes some initial guidance on TOPS. Please see the proclamation here [https://gov.louisiana.gov/assets/Proclamations/2020/41-JBE-2020-Stay-At-Home-Extended.pdf](https://gov.louisiana.gov/assets/Proclamations/2020/41-JBE-2020-Stay-At-Home-Extended.pdf) Please refer to the TOPS FAQ that will be available on the NSU website.

- **What about admission to graduate and professional schools in the future?**
  - Some graduate and professional schools require a letter grade in required/listed pre-requisite courses. If you do not have a letter grade, you may have to repeat the course prior to acceptance into those programs.

- **What if I want to take the pass/fail option for some courses but the letter grade option for others?**
  - The grading options are to be decided on a course-by-course basis.
  - You can decide to use a letter grade in one of your courses for the semester and a Pass/Fail option for another course

- **Can I make this decision on my own?**
  - Ultimately, the decision is yours as a student. However, we strongly encourage and advise you to talk with your Academic Advisor, Director, Dept. Head, and Academic Dean to make the best academic decision for your future. We also
encourage and advise you to talk with the Financial Aid office to determine how the grading policies could negatively impact your continued financial aid.