PROPOSED REVISIONS OF DAVIS DIVISION REGULATION A545:
Passed or Not Passed Grading

Submitted by the Academic Senate Chair.

Endorsed by the Executive Council.

Rationale: The proposed revision to Davis Division Regulation A545: Passed or Not Passed Grading would allow for grading flexibility for undergraduate students during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
  • A545.A.1: would allow for grading flexibility for undergraduate students not in good academic standing in winter and spring quarters 2021. Students not in good academic standing must seek a petition and approval through their respective dean’s office.
  • A545.B.1: would allow for grading flexibility for undergraduate students to extend into fall quarter 2020, winter quarter 2021, and spring quarter 2021.

Proposed Revision: Davis Division Regulation A545 shall be amended as follows. Deletions are indicated by strikeout; additions are in bold type.

A545. Passed or Not Passed Grading

(A) A regular undergraduate student in good standing may opt to take specific courses on a Passed (P) or Not Passed (NP) basis up to the limits specified in Davis Division Regulation A545(B). (Am. by mail ballot 5/7/74)

1) For spring quarter 2020, summer session(s) 2020, and fall quarter 2020, and winter quarter 2021, and spring quarter 2021, an undergraduate student not in good standing may opt to take specific courses on a Passed (P) or Not Passed (NP) basis up to the limits specified in the Davis Division Regulation A545(B) via petition and approval by the dean’s office.

(B) Not more than one-third of the units taken in residence on the Davis campus and presented for graduation by an undergraduate student may be in courses taken on a Passed or Not Passed basis, including courses graded in accordance with Davis Division Regulations A545(C) and A545(D). The faculty of any college or school on the Davis campus may establish regulations that are more restrictive regarding use of the Passed or Not Passed option by its students.

1) Spring quarter 2020, and summer session(s) 2020, fall quarter 2020, and winter quarter 2021, and spring quarter 2021 units taken Passed/Not Passed are exempt from the one-third calculation in both the numerator (Passed/Not Passed units taken) and the denominator (total units taken).

(C) With approval of the appropriate department or division and of the appropriate committees on courses of instruction, the grades assigned by instructors in specific
undergraduate courses may be, for undergraduate students, Passed or Not Passed only and, for graduate students, Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory only.

(D) Each special study, directed group study, or other variable-unit undergraduate course shall be graded for undergraduate students on a Passed or Not Passed only basis and for graduate students on a Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory only basis unless specific approval for the use of a letter grade is given by the appropriate committees on courses of instruction.

(E) For courses being undertaken on a Passed or Not Passed basis, the grade of Passed shall be awarded only for work which otherwise would receive a grade of C- or better. Units thus earned shall be counted in satisfaction of degree requirements, but courses undertaken on a Passed or Not Passed basis shall be disregarded in determining a student’s grade point average.