Pass/Fail Guidelines for Liberal Studies Students

Liberal Studies students may choose to take one class Pass/Fail each semester. Summer term students may take one summer class Pass/Fail.

Terms of Pass/Fail and Instructions

No more than 16 credits may be taken Pass/Fail while in Liberal Studies. Students must consult with a Liberal Studies Academic Advisor about the likely effect of a Pass/Fail grade on academic and career plans prior to submitting the request.

Liberal Studies students who are studying abroad must consult with the Liberal Studies Office of Global Programs prior to submission of the Pass/Fail request.

Liberal Studies students must electronically submit the Pass/Fail Application Form to Liberal Studies prior to the published deadline to take a course Pass/Fail.

Please refer to the NYU academic calendar for pass/fail declaration deadlines for every semester.

Once a student has selected the Pass/Fail grade option by submitting the Pass/Fail Application Form, it cannot be changed to a letter grade. Note: a grade of "P" (Pass) is not counted in your GPA; however, "F" (Fail) grades do count toward the GPA.

Students cannot count courses taken as Pass/Fail to satisfy requirements for a major or minor; nor will Pass/Fail credits count toward requirements outlined by the degree-granting school. Thus, students will not be granted approval to take the following courses Pass/Fail:

(1) Courses in the LS Core Curriculum (Writing as Exploration, Writing as Critical Inquiry, Global Works & Society sequence, Arts & Cultures sequence).
(2) Required coursework towards a major and/or minor.
(3) Courses under the College Core Curriculum for CAS-bound students or core requirements for other NYU schools.

Students will not receive credit for courses completed at non-NYU institutions with grades of Pass/Fail.

Please contact your academic advisor if you have any questions about Pass/Fail prior to submitting the form, as grades cannot be changed back to a letter grade.