Dear Marshall College Students,

You have received an email indicating the Educational Policy Committee of the Academic Senate is offering undergraduate students a one-time only option to petition to retroactively change grading options from Letter to Pass/Not Pass in Fall 2020 classes. These petitions will be granted.

The option will be accessible to you during the first four weeks of Winter 2021: January 4 – January 29, 2021.

Additional information on how to submit your petition(s) will be provided to you before January 4; please wait for further notification about the process. Marshall Academic Advising will not accept Undergraduate Student Petitions for this request.

In the meantime, when considering whether or not to change your grading option from Letter to Pass/Not Pass, take the following into account:

1. Marshall College will accept P grades for all DOC courses taken Fall 2020.
2. The processing of DDAs, as well as honors designations, may be delayed for Fall 2020 graduates.
3. Fall 2020 P/NP units will count toward the 25% maximum allowed by the university.
4. A change from a D grade to a NP will result in a loss of units (i.e., no units will be earned for an NP).
5. Financial Aid packages will be affected by receiving NP grades.
6. A change to P/NP for a Fall 2020 course will be allowed for a repeat of a class in which a D or F grade was earned in an earlier term.
7. Choosing a Pass may have an effect on professional or graduate school applications (see the Career Center website for information). Many graduate programs need candidates to have letter grades for their required undergraduate writing courses.

Please plan to discuss your questions and concerns with your major/minor/college academic advisor(s) in January after you have reviewed the updated information.

Best wishes,
Provost Carver

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