



Chapter Three: Instruction and Instructional Programs

BP 3220

Grading and Academic Records Symbols

Courses shall be graded using the grading system established by Title 5. The grading system shall be published in the college catalog and made available to the students.

Some courses may allow for a grade of pass/no pass.

The purpose of pass/no pass grading is to provide an appropriate method of evaluating those courses that are taught for the purpose of establishing a minimum level of proficiency in a subject area, to evaluate skill or performance subjects where fine gradations of achievement are not meaningful, or to accommodate the student whose purpose in taking a class would be better served by this grading procedure. This system is not intended to be used by students in their major courses unless courses are only offered in the pass/no pass mode.

Courses may be offered in either or both of the following categories:

- Courses in which all students are evaluated on a “pass/no pass” basis
- Courses in which each student may elect, upon registration or within the established time limit, to take the course on a “pass/no pass” basis

A student electing to be evaluated on the “pass/no pass” basis will receive both course credit and unit credit upon satisfactory completion of the course. In computing a student’s grade point average, grades of “pass/no pass” are omitted.

A pass grade is granted for performance that is equivalent to the letter grade of “C” or better. A student who fails to perform satisfactorily will be assigned a “no pass” grade.

The student is held responsible for all assignments and examinations required in the course. The standards of evaluation are identical for all students in the course.

See AR 3220

Legal Reference: Title 5, Section 55751. 55752.

Adopted: April 4, 1988

Revised: May 2, 2011