Autumn 2020 Pass/Non-Pass (PA/NP) Policy

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Frequently Asked Questions from Data Analytics Majors and Pre-Majors

Q. Which classes can I take as PA/NP?

A. GE courses, major prerequisites (MATH, CSE 1223/1222, ECON 2001/2002, BIO 1113, CHEM 1110/1210, LING 2000), and major courses within the College of Arts & Sciences (MATH, STAT, any Social Science specialization course, Design 5505, MOLGEN 4500/4606), are eligible for PA/NP.

- Courses offered by the College of Engineering (CSE and ISE) are *NOT* eligible for PA/NP, except for CSE 1223/1222.

- Courses offered by the Fisher College of Business (BUSADM 3630.05, 3632.05, and any BUS elective courses in the Business Analytics specialization) are *NOT* eligible for PA/NP.

- Courses offered by the College of Medicine (BMI courses) and College of Public Health (PUBHLTH 5015) are *NOT* eligible for PA/NP.

Q. If I switch the grading scale of one of my classes to PA/NP, will it still fulfill the prerequisite for classes that come after it in a sequence?

A. Yes, as long as you receive a PA grade.

Q. What is the deadline for choosing PA/NP?

A. *The deadline to switch the grading scale to PA/NP is November 20th.* I highly recommend you wait to make a decision about PA/NP until right before the deadline so you have the most information possible about how well you are doing in the class.

> **NOTE:** *The deadline to drop a course with a "W" is still the 10th Friday, October 30th*, so you will need to decide about dropping vs. staying enrolled in your courses before October 30th.

Q. What grade is considered passing for PA/NP courses?

A. A letter grade of D or better is considered passing and will earn you a grade of PA. Consult your course syllabi so you know for sure what percentage is considered a D letter grade for each of your classes (they could be different)!

Q. Are there any disadvantages to switching the grading scale of my courses to PA/NP?

A. YES.

- **Admission to the Data Analytics major program.** *The Data Analytics Major application still requires a letter grade of A-E in at least one CSE course at the 2221 level or higher and at least one Math/Stats course at the Math 1152 level or higher.* If you change the grading scale of Math 1152 to PA/NP, you will need to continue on in the Math/Stat sequence and take STAT 3201 before you are eligible to apply to the DA major. The grade you receive in STAT 3201 will be considered during the application review in lieu of Math 1152.

  - **I am a pre-major. What should I do?** Wait as long as possible before you make a decision

about switching CSE 1223/1222 or your Math/Stat course to PA/NP. If, on November 20th, you are earning a B or better, do not switch it to PA/NP. If, on November 20th, you think there is a good chance you will end up with B- or worse, go ahead and switch it to PA/NP. This could delay when you are eligible to submit an application to the DA major, but it will give you the best possible chance of being accepted into the major when you do apply.

- **Progress in a major or minor program.** *A low PA grade in a major or minor class may not adequately prepare you for future coursework that builds on that class.* If you are a DA pre-major and you decide to take CSE 1223 or a Math course PA/NP, make sure you fully understand the content of that course before you move on to CSE 2221 or your next Math/Stat course. It will be very difficult to get an A or B in Math 1152 if you barely pass Math 1151 with a D, for example, and you need an A or B in all your Math, CSE, and Statistics courses to give yourself the best possible chance of being accepted into the DA major.

- **Financial aid eligibility.** While electing PA/NP will not lower your GPA, it also cannot raise it to levels that might be required for eligibility for some scholarships.

- **Post-graduate education plans.** Unlike in the spring, many of Ohio State's peer institutions have not decided to make the PA/NP widely available. As a result, it is more difficult to predict the ways graduate and professional schools will evaluate your decision to use this option.

- **PA/NP could exclude you from making the Dean's List.** The Dean's List requires that you are registered for at least 12 credit hours and you have at least 9 regular, graded hours and a 3.5 term GPA.

- *If you are a student athlete, please consult your SASSO counselor before you opt for PA/NP.* It is possible PA/NP could help a student-athlete, but there are also situations in which it could be detrimental.

- Courses taken PA/NP during AU20 will count toward the limit of 20 credit hours that each student may take PA/NP during their undergraduate career. (This rule was not applied in Spring 2020.)

Q. I'm still unsure whether I want to use the PA/NP option, drop my course and receive a "W", or take an Incomplete. Who should I talk to about my options?

A. You should talk with your instructor first. It will be important to know your grade, the number of assignments remaining, and how those assignments will be graded so you can make informed choices about the relative merits of withdrawing versus choosing to take the course PA/NP versus requesting an Incomplete. After you have spoken with your instructor, you should consult with your academic advisor before making a final decision.

Q. What happens if I do not pass one of my courses that I switched to PA/NP?

A. You do not earn credit for the course, and you will need to repeat it in a future term. Your GPA will not be affected.

Q. What if I am repeating a course this semester for Grade Forgiveness? Can I use the PA/NP option for that course?

A. No. For AU20, PA/NP cannot be used for courses being retaken for Grade Forgiveness. (This rule was not applied in Spring 2020.)

Q. I am a DA pre-major, and I am currently taking a Math course higher than Math 1152 (Math 2153, 2568, or STAT 3201). If I decide to change my Math/Stat course to PA/NP, will this affect my chances of getting accepted into the DA major?

A. The Data Analytics Major application requires a letter grade of A-E in at least one CSE course at the 2221 level or higher and at least one Math/Stats course at the Math 1152 level or higher. If you choose PA/NP for your current Math course, your grade in this course can no longer factor into the admission decision. Assuming you have a letter grade of A-E in a Math course at the 1152 level or higher, you can still apply to the DA major, but your admission decision will be based on your performance in your other Math course(s) in which you earned a letter grade of A-E.

Q. I definitely want to switch one of my classes to PA/NP. How do I do that?

A. Use the web form at http://go.osu.edu/PA-NPform. *Once this form is submitted, it CANNOT and WILL NOT be reversed.* The form can only be submitted once, so please be sure about your PA/NP decision for every course on your schedule before you submit the form.