



The University System of New Hampshire Policy on Pass/Fail coursework

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The University System of NH institutions are eager to welcome students in the Fall 2020. We are earnestly adapting plans to solidify that effort, anticipating that much flexibility in approach will continue as we navigate the current uncertainties that we are facing as a state and as a nation. Our Admissions teams are available and ready to address enrollment questions and are particularly sensitive to the needs of NH students who are currently attending out of state institutions yet may be seeking a higher education alternative closer to home.

All of our institutions want to be supportive of the challenges students and families are facing with completing their coursework and passing online courses. We are flexible in our approach to Pass/Fail curriculum and how students will be evaluated for acceptance and scholarships in the Fall 2020.

Some frequently asked questions:

- Are University of NH, Keene State College, Plymouth State University and Granite State College planning to be open for face-to-face classes next fall? **YES. However, backup plans including online coursework is being prepared.**
- Are all 4 schools still recruiting and accepting new students for fall 2020? **YES.**

Granite State College has a continuous application and review process and year-round admissions and does not require deposits upon acceptance.

For UNH, Keene State College and Plymouth State University the deposit deadline is June 1, 2020. With that said, Admissions will work with a student's individual situation. Please contact the Admissions Office of the schools to which you are applying with any concerns you have about meeting a deadline:

Admissions Office contact numbers and emails:

Plymouth State University: (603) 535-2237 or admissions@plymouth.edu.

Keene State College: 603-358-2276 or admissions@keene.edu

University of New Hampshire: 603-862-1360 or admissions@unh.edu;

Web: <https://admissions.unh.edu/contact>

Granite State College: 1-855-472-4255; info@granite.edu;
Web: www.granite.edu/apply

- If a high school chooses to go P/NP, how will this be considered in a student's application by USNH schools? **Going P/NP will not hurt a student. The University System of NH is committed to ensuring that nothing COVID-19-related will negatively impact a student's enrollment or future enrollment.**
- What if I don't pass all of my spring classes because of COVID-19 impacts? Will this negatively impact my application? **Our universities and colleges would like to see students on a P/NP scale pass all classes. Given these trying times, consideration will be given to the extraordinary learning hurdles that students are having to overcome to attend and pass classes in Spring 2020. This will be in effect any time we are looking at Spring 2020 grades on a transcript. This applies to all current high school juniors, sophomores, and freshmen as well as future transfer students. (We encourage high schools include in their school profiles they send with transcripts how they handled this semester grade-wise. For instance, did they calculate the P/NP into their weighted GPA but not the unweighted?)**
- What impact will P/NP for this semester have on potential scholarships?
Keene State College and Plymouth State University: If a student has P/NP grades for spring 2020, we will not calculate a P or NP into the GPA we use for calculation of merit-based scholarships. Due to the circumstances, we do not think it is fair to students to force a P (which is typically considered a 2.0) onto a student's GPA as this will bring down their merit-based scholarship amount

University of NH: UNH determines eligibility for merit scholarships at the time of admission. There is no change of process for students graduating in June 2020 since scholarships decisions for current seniors have already been made. We do not calculate P/NP grades into a student's GPA. For students who are not HS seniors during the 19/20 academic year and apply to UNH for admission in upcoming years, this will result in a modified process for reviewing grades and determining scholarship eligibility based on grades earned in semesters other than spring semester 2020. Students will not be held accountable in the admissions process for things beyond their control such as grading protocols instituted during this public health crisis. Students who earn NP in core courses will have their applications reviewed carefully and with additional caution.

- Does it matter whether a student CHOSE to get a P/NP for a course/classes vs. whether an entire school MANDATED the P/N shift? **No. Though some admissions counselors may want to learn more about your decision. These are unprecedented times and students should be making the choice that is best for them this spring semester.**