

## Exceptional Arrangements for Undergraduate Courses in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term, 2019-20

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**Q1: Can I change only some of my courses to “Pass/Fail” grading?**

A1: You can have different choices for different courses.

**Q2: How will my GPAs be calculated if I choose to change one or more courses to “Pass/Fail” grading?**

A2: Only the “Letter Grades” (A-F) are included in GPA calculation, i.e. courses changed to “Pass/Fail” grading mode are not included.

For example, if a student is enrolled in five 3-credit courses originally given “Letter Grades” and requests that three of the courses be changed to “Pass/Fail” grading mode, only the remaining two courses will be included in GPA calculation. If he obtains A- and B+ in the two courses, his Term GPA will be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Term GPA} \\ = & \frac{\text{Total weighted points* for all courses with Letter Grades taken in the term}}{\text{Total number of credits in courses with Letter Grades enrolled in for the term}} \\ = & \frac{3.67 \text{ grade points} \times 3 \text{ credits} + 3.33 \text{ grade points} \times 3 \text{ credits}}{3 \text{ credits} + 3 \text{ credits}} \\ = & 3.50 \end{aligned}$$

If the student had earned 99 weighted points and enrolled in 30 credits of courses with “Letter Grades” before the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term 2019-20, his Cumulative GPA inclusive of the 2<sup>nd</sup> term will be:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Cumulative GPA (cGPA)} \\ = & \frac{\text{Total weighted points* for all courses with Letter Grades taken in all terms}}{\text{Total number of credits in courses with Letter Grades enrolled in for all terms}} \\ = & \frac{99 \text{ weighted points} + 3.67 \text{ grade points} \times 3 \text{ credits} + 3.33 \text{ grade points} \times 3 \text{ credits}}{30 \text{ credits} + 3 \text{ credits} + 3 \text{ credits}} \\ = & 3.33 \end{aligned}$$

\* weighted points = grade points x the number of credits of the course concerned

**Q3: Are there any consequences or penalties to my GPAs if I choose to change some of my courses to “Pass/Fail” grading?**

A3: There is no penalty to your GPAs. Please refer to Q2 for details on the GPA calculation.

**Q4: If I change all courses to “Pass/ Fail” grading, does it mean I have no Term GPA for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term of 2019-20?**

A4: Yes. As for your cGPA, only your previous courses with “Letter Grades”, if any, will be counted.

**Q5: How many credits will I earn if I am enrolled in five 3-credit courses in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term 2019-20 and choose to change one course to “Pass/Fail” grading? And how will my cGPA be calculated?**

A5: You will earn 15 credits if you pass all the courses you take. Please refer to Q2 for the calculation of GPAs.

**Q6: What will be shown on my academic transcript for those courses which I choose to change to “Pass/ Fail” grading?**

A6: The grades will be shown as “PP” (for Pass) and “FF” (for Fail) instead of Letter Grades (A-F).

**Q7: Will it affect my opportunity in Major/Stream Allocation if I choose to change my major-related courses to “Pass/ Fail” grading mode?**

A7: For courses changed to “Pass/ Fail” grading mode, you will still earn the credits but the courses are not included in GPA calculation. Regarding the requirements for Major/Stream Allocation, please contact the Programme/Faculty Offices concerned for enquiry.

**Q8: Will I be regarded as fulfilling the graduation requirement concerned if I pass a required course which I choose to change to “Pass/Fail” grading?**

A8: If you obtain a “Pass” in the course, you will earn the credits of the course and be counted as fulfilling that graduation requirement, unless there are specific requirements apart from passing the course.

**Q9: If my application for scholarship / internship / exchange programme requires a satisfactory GPA, will changing my courses to “Pass/Fail” grading affect my application?**

A9: Please refer to Q2 for the calculation of GPAs. For requirements of scholarship, internship or exchange programmes, please contact the respective offices for enquiry.

**Q10. I am an exchange student and the courses I take in Lingnan will only be counted as Pass/Fail in my home university. Do I still need to request to change my LU courses to “Pass/Fail” grading or can I retain the existing grading?**

A10: The option is open to exchange students, and it is about how your courses taken in Lingnan will be graded.

**Q11: I am taking a course which is offered by another university. Will it be counted as Pass/Fail after transferring the credits? Do I need to request to change the course to “Pass/Fail” grading?**

A11: The option is only applicable to UG courses offered by Lingnan University in 2<sup>nd</sup> Term 2019-20. For LU students taking PolyU courses under the General Education Subject Sharing Programme, the existing stipulations apply, i.e. both the course(s) and grade(s) obtained would be listed in students’ transcript, but the grade(s) so obtained would not be included in any GPA calculation.