

Proposed Changes to Academic Regulations to Accommodate “90-Credit Bachelor’s”
Degrees at WSU – As Approved by the Academic Affairs Committee

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Proposal #2: Academic Regulation 50- PASS, FAIL GRADING OPTIONS. (Full text is available here: <https://registrar.wsu.edu/academic-regulations/>)

Current language:

Pass, fail grading is a student-initiated option, whereby a student elects to take a letter-graded (A – F) course for a pass, fail (P, F) grade. Pass, fail grading is available to students with the following provisions:

Undergraduate Students: The university allows up to 21 credits to be taken at WSU on a pass, fail basis by students completing a baccalaureate degree at Washington State University.

Discussion synopsis from AAC:

AAC discussed whether the limit for pass-fail credits should be kept at 21 semester credits for a 90-Credit bachelor’s degree, or whether the limit should be reduced proportionally for this new degree type. It was agreed that the limit should be dropped so that a 90-Credit bachelor’s degree has the same rigor in terms of letter graded credits as a 120-Credit bachelor’s. The scaling was calculated as 21 credits pass/fail / 120 credit bachelors * 90 credit bachelors = 16 credits pass/fail for a 90-Credit bachelor’s degree.

Proposed change (redline):

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Undergraduate Students: The university allows students to complete courses at WSU up to 21 credits to be taken at WSU on a pass, fail basis by students completing a baccalaureate degree at Washington State University up to: a) 21 credits for students completing a 120-Credit bachelor’s degree, or b) 16 credits for students completing a 90-Credit bachelor’s degree.

Proposed change (Clean copy):

Pass, fail grading is a student-initiated option, whereby a student elects to take a letter-graded (A – F) course for a pass, fail (P, F) grade. Pass, fail grading is available to students with the following provisions:

Undergraduate Students: The university allows students to complete courses at WSU on a pass, fail basis up to: a) 21 credits for students completing a 120-Credit bachelor's degree, or b) 16 credits for students completing a 90-Credit bachelor's degree.