Taking a Class Pass/Low Pass/Fail

Trinity undergraduates are allowed to take up to four courses on a pass/low pass/fail basis during their undergraduate career, subject to several caveats. These caveats are summarized below and are also outlined in the paragraph copied below, from the Academic Bulletin.

- Each semester any matriculated student may take one academic course on a pass/low pass/fail basis.
- A course can be taken on a pass/low pass/fail basis as long as the course is not required for a major, minor, language concentration, general education distribution requirement, writing proficiency, or quantitative literacy requirement.
- Students on academic probation in the preceding semester cannot elect to take a course on a pass/low pass/fail basis.
- Courses taken as part of a special first-year program, such as the Gateway Programs, must be taken for a letter grade, as must first-year seminars.
- Students may designate a maximum of four academic courses during their college careers as pass/low pass/fail.
- Traditional undergraduate students may not elect the pass/low pass/fail option for summer courses.
- The deadline to declare an academic course pass/low pass/fail is the last day of the add/drop period. In the unusual case that a class is added after the add/drop period has ended, this class must be taken on a graded basis.
- To change a course from pass/low pass/fail back to a letter grade, the student must sign and submit a form by the last day of classes of that semester.
- An academic course once designated as pass/low pass/fail counts toward the maximum of four pass/low pass/fail courses, even if the student changes from pass/low pass/fail to a letter grade by the last day of classes.

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Each semester any matriculated student may take one academic course on a pass/low pass/fail basis, provided the course is not required for the major, minor, language concentration, general education distribution requirement, writing proficiency, or quantitative literacy requirement, and provided that the student did not incur academic probation in the preceding semester. Courses taken as part of a special first-year program, such as the Gateway Programs, must also be taken for a letter grade, as must first-year seminars and classes taken in study away programs. Students may designate a maximum of four academic courses during their college careers as pass/low pass/fail. Traditional undergraduate students may not elect the pass/low pass/fail option for summer courses. The deadline to declare an academic course pass/low pass/fail is the last day of the add/drop period. In the unusual case that a class is added after the add/drop period has ended, this class must be taken on a graded basis. To change a course from pass/low pass/fail back to a letter grade, the student must sign and submit a form (available in the Registrar’s Office) by that deadline. An academic course once designated as pass/low
pass/fail counts toward the maximum of four pass/low pass/fail courses, even if the student should change from pass/low pass/fail to a letter grade by the last day of classes.

NOTE: Starting with the 22-23 academic year all students studying away in the fall and spring semesters will be subject to the same policies as students taking courses at the Hartford campus. They will be able to take one course pass/low pass/fail while studying abroad. This class will count towards the maximum of four allowed in a student’s undergraduate career.

Converting a class to the pass/low pass/fail basis

A student can change a course to the pass/low pass/fail grading basis any time after they enroll in the course, subject to the stipulations cited above, through the close of the add/drop period. To change to this grading basis, use the edit function in your TCOnline student center.

Edit a Class: This is where you can make a class Pass/Low Pass/Fail. Select the course you want to change, and on the next page change the status of “Graded” to “Convert ABCDF to PLF.”
Students studying away who wish to take a course on the P/LP/F grading basis must notify the Office of Study Away by the end of the first week of classes of their Study Away program.

Changing a Course From Pass/Low Pass/Fail Back to Regular Grading

Students can choose to change their grading basis from pass/low pass/fail to regular grading at any time during the semester, until the last day of classes of the semester, by submitting the Change Pass/Low Pass/Fail Back to Letter Grade form to the Registrar’s Office, at registrar.office@trincoll.edu.