Pass/D/Fail Option

The intent of the pass/D/fail option is to encourage exploration and experimentation in curricular areas in which the student may have had little or no previous experience. The pass/D/fail option also may be used by the student in completing distribution courses. Students are permitted to elect the P/D/F option between the beginning of the seventh and the end of the ninth week of classes.

1. As part of his or her regular academic program, each undergraduate may elect pass/D/fail grading in as many as four courses. Courses designated pass/D/fail only (“pdfo”) do not count against this total, nor do any courses taken above the number required for graduation (31 for A.B. candidates; 36 for B.S.E. candidates).

2. A student may elect only one pass/D/fail course per term, regardless of the number of courses in which the student is enrolled or how many pass/D/fail options he or she has remaining; courses designated pass/D/fail only (“pdfo”) do not count against this limitation.

3. Any course, including courses to fulfill distribution requirements, may be taken pass/D/fail, with the following exceptions:
   a) A student’s own departmental courses, as well as technical course requirements in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, may ordinarily not be taken on a pass/D/fail basis.
   b) Courses designated “No pass/D/fail” by the instructor may not be taken on a pass/D/fail basis.
   c) Courses taken outside Princeton may not be taken on a pass/D/fail basis.

4. A student must declare a pass/D/fail election between the beginning of the seventh and the end of the ninth week of classes. After 5 pm on the Friday of the ninth week of classes, no further changes in grading options will be permitted in that semester.