

Faculty Senate Resolution Number S-2025-16

TO: Dwayne Smith, Ph.D., Interim President, Southern Connecticut State University
FROM: Natalie Starling, Ph.D., President, SCSU Faculty Senate

The attached Resolution of the Faculty Senate is entitled:

RESOLUTION Regarding Revisions to the Pass/Fail Undergraduate Policy

This resolution was approved by Faculty Senate on: April 30, 2025



This resolution is presented for APPROVAL



This resolution is presented for INFORMATION

In accordance with the CSU-AAUP Contract (Article 5.10), "When the Senate makes a written recommendation to the President, the President shall acknowledge and respond to the recommendation in writing within fifteen (15) days of receiving the Senate's recommendation."

After considering this resolution, please indicate your action on this form and return it to the President of the Faculty Senate.

Natalie Starling

Natalie Starling, Ph.D., President, SCSU Faculty Senate

05/05/2025

Date

cc: Julia Irwin, Ph.D., Interim Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs

ACTION OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Resolution for Approval



Resolution APPROVED



Resolution DISAPPROVED (Attach statement)

Resolution for Information

☐ Resolution NOTED (applies to Informational Resolutions only)

Dwayne Smith

Dwayne Smith (May 9, 2025 19:10 EDT)

Dwayne Smith, Ph.D., Interim President, SCSU

05/09/2025

Date

Statement



Southern Connecticut State University

FACULTY SENATE

Resolution Regarding Revisions to the Pass/Fail Undergraduate Policy

Whereas, Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) exists for the primary purpose of furthering academic excellence;

Whereas, The SCSU Faculty Senate is the official representative body of the Academic Faculty;

Whereas, Revising the Undergraduate Pass-Fail policy will provide undergraduate students with increased clarity; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the existing Pass-Fail Policy for Undergraduate students be revised according to the changes indicated below in green for revisions, and in red font color for stricken-out; and be it further

Resolved, That the effective date shall be the Fall semester of 2025.

Pass-Fail Option – Undergraduate Policy

With the required consultation of the ~~if~~ **student's** advisor (if the advisor is the instructor for the course, consultation with the department chairperson or an advisor in the Academic Advising Center) matriculated students ~~who have completed at least 45 credits~~ are eligible to register for certain courses ~~on a~~ **to be graded as** pass-fail ~~basis~~. The pass-fail option is blind in that the instructor is not aware of the student's use of the pass-fail option until after the grades are submitted.

The pass-fail option may only be used for ~~a free elective or cognate~~ **general education (Liberal Education Program [LEP]), or free elective** courses that ~~is~~ **are** not applied or shared with the ~~general education (LEP)~~, major, or minor requirements. Students may take a total of five courses, **no more than one per semester, and no more than two general education (LEP) courses** on a pass-fail option, ~~with only one taken in any given semester~~. **A student may not use a course taken with the pass-fail option to meet the W-Writing Intensive Course requirement.**

~~The final grade will be reported as 'S'~~ **if** the final grade earned is 'D-' or higher, **it will be reported as 'S' on the transcript**. This grade has no effect on the **grade point average (GPA)** but does count as attempted credit. If the final grade earned is not passing, the final grade will be reported as 'F'. This grade will impact the GPA and does count as attempted credit. Once a student selects the pass-fail option it will not be possible to revert to a graded option ~~following the add/drop period for the course~~.

Courses taken for **as** pass-fail **option** might not be accepted for transfer credit when attending another institution; are excluded from GPA calculations which may impact a student's ability to meet

certain GPA requirements needed for their major, graduation, or honors; and may not be satisfactory in meeting prerequisite requirements when applying to graduate programs. ~~Consulting an advisor, as documented with the Pass-Fail Contract, serves as evidence that the student is aware of the potential impact of their decision.~~

The Pass-Fail Contract must be ~~endorsed~~ **signed** by their ~~student's~~ advisor ~~prior to the start of the 4th week of the fall or spring semester, or prior to the start of the 2nd week for courses in a shorter term.~~ **prior to the end of the 12th week of classes (for shorter terms see the pass-fail deadlines on the academic calendar).** ~~, or for an eight-week course, prior to the end of the 6th week of classes.~~