

Pass/Fail and Financial Aid

*It is important to understand how the switch to pass/fail grading will affect your grade point average. The school's policy has always been that a "fail" would count toward your GPA the same as failing a course with a letter grade would. In contrast, a "pass" does not affect your GPA. All rules about scholarships and academic standing will remain in effect. **Consult scholarship award letters and the Student Handbook** (<https://carey.jhu.edu/student-experience/services-resources/student-handbook>) for more information.*

As long as you remain in good standing, which is a minimum of a cumulative 2.85 GPA, as stated on your scholarship award letter, you will remain eligible.

Federal financial aid policies are still in place for Satisfactory Academic Progress, as defined on our website at: <https://carey.jhu.edu/student-experience/services-resources/financial-aid/policies/satisfactory-academic-progress>

In addition, if you receive all FAILS or F's we will have to determine whether these were earned grades. If not, we will be subject to the rules of the Return of Title IV processing (R2T4) and may have to return federal aid already received for the current term. The Title IV funds policy is on our website: <https://carey.jhu.edu/student-experience/services-resources/financial-aid/policies/title-iv-funds>

FAQs

How does taking a pass/fail grade affect my financial aid, scholarships and/or federal loans?

It would only be affected if you receive a fail, which is the same as an F, and it will be calculated as 0 points towards your GPA. If you receive all fails we have to determine if they were earned grades. If not, federal aid may need to be returned for the current term based on Title IV funds policy.

How does pass/fail grades affect my financial aid, scholarships and/or federal loans, if I get a fail in a class?

A fail is calculated as 0 points in your grade point average. You must be in good academic standing for scholarships and federal aid.

If I'm receiving financial aid, scholarships and/or federal loans, can I choose to take letter grades for some courses and pass/fail for others?

The financial aid policies for good academic standing are the same whether you take some courses as graded or others as pass/fail. Please discuss this option with your instructor and/or advisor if you choose to opt out of pass/fail.

If I already have a cumulative GPA above the 2.85 threshold and take a pass/fail course, how will my financial aid, scholarships and/or federal loans be affected?

It would only be affected if you receive a fail as this is treated as an F and will be calculated as 0 points towards your GPA.