

Committee on Academic Standing (CAS)

Petition to Change a Grading Option After the Deadline

What is the Committee on Academic Standing (CAS)?

CAS is comprised of Advisers and Advising Deans from the Center for Student Advising (CSA). CAS upholds the policies and regulations of the Columbia College (CC) and the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) Committees on Instruction (COI), and determines when circumstances warrant exceptions. CAS meets weekly to review petitions on a case-by-case basis. Decisions seek to uphold the rules of the CC and SEAS COIs while treating students equitably, bearing in mind the particular circumstances surrounding each student's petition.

Under what circumstances should I submit a Petition to Change a Grading Option?

- **CC Students:** The purpose of the **Pass/D/Fail** grading option is to encourage students to take courses of interest outside their area of specialization and to permit those who have not decided upon a major to test their talents in a field of possible interest. There are two deadlines relevant to the College's Pass/D/Fail policy – the deadline to select the Pass/D/Fail grading option (the 10th week of the semester – refer to calendar in CC Bulletin for specific date), and the deadline to “uncover” a grade of Pass (within the first two weeks of the next semester). In **exceptional circumstances**, students may petition CAS for permission to select the Pass/D/Fail grading option OR to uncover a grade of Pass after the deadlines have passed. Please note that a delay in the receipt of graded work is **not** a sufficient reason to petition CAS for an exception. Also note that a request to change a grading option must include feedback from the relevant academic department when the course could count for a major or concentration.
- **SEAS Students:** The purpose of the **Pass/Fail** grading option is to encourage students to extend their academic inquiry into new areas of study. However, no course taken Pass/Fail may be used toward the degree with the exception of PE and two 3-point non-technical electives at the 3000-level or above. The SEAS policy does not allow for “uncovering” a grade of Pass (refer to the SEAS Bulletin for further details). The deadline to select the Pass/Fail grading option is in the 10th week of the semester (refer to calendar in SEAS Bulletin for specific date). In **exceptional circumstances**, students may petition CAS for permission to change a grading option after the deadline has passed. Please note that a delay in the receipt of graded work is **not** a sufficient reason to petition CAS for an exception.

What should I do if I need to submit a petition?

You **must** contact your CSA Adviser if you believe your situation should be reviewed by CAS for a possible exception. Your adviser will review your case, clarify policies, discuss options, and ensure that all paperwork is complete.

What paperwork must I submit when petitioning to change a grading option after the deadline?

1. Petition to Change a Grading Option (this packet)
2. A typed Statement to the Committee
3. “Grades” screen printed from SSOL
4. Supporting documentation if warranted (medical note, confirmation of family emergency, departmental support, etc.)

What is the deadline to submit a petition?

Because CAS meets weekly, petitions must be submitted by **3:00pm on Friday** in order to be considered the following week.

How will I be notified of the decision?

Students should expect an email notification of the Committee's decision within five business days of the Committee meeting.

May I appeal the decision?

If CAS denies your petition, you may submit a written appeal to the Dean of Advising (CC) or the Dean's Office (SEAS). Additional information and documentation (not included with the initial petition) must be provided for your appeal to be considered. More details will be provided to you if your petition is not approved.

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PETITION FOR ACTION

(Please Type or Print Clearly)

Student Name: _____ **Date:** _____

UNI: _____ **Class Standing:** _____ **Cell Phone:** _____
(First-year, sophomore, junior, senior)

School: Columbia College (CC) **Major(s)/Concentration(s):** _____
 Columbia Engineering (SEAS) _____
 Visiting/Exchange Student _____

CSA Adviser: _____ Please indicate type and date of **adviser contact** regarding petition: _____
(email, appointment, walk-in, phone)

ACTION REQUESTED

<input type="checkbox"/>	Add a Course After the Deadline
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdraw from a Course After the Deadline (CC only)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop a Course After the Deadline (SEAS only)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Change a Grading Option After the Deadline: <i>Cover letter grade OR Uncover letter grade</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Change a Point Value After the Deadline
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify):

COURSE INFORMATION

Title: _____ **Department:** _____

Semester Registered: _____ **Call #:** _____ **Course #:** _____ **Section #:** _____

Instructor's Name: _____ **Instructor's Email:** _____

STATEMENT TO THE COMMITTEE

Please attach a brief statement explaining why you believe your circumstances warrant an exception to CC/SEAS policy. Your statement should be addressed to the Committee on Academic Standing and include the following:

- (a) A summary statement of your request
- (b) An outline of the mitigating circumstances that led to your request (including specific dates and times)
- (c) Discuss how this action may impact your degree progress (if relevant, provide a plan to complete degree requirements)
- (d) Steps you might take to avoid a similar situation in the future

INTERNAL USE ONLY:

Date	Initials	Decision Notes:
Received: _____	_____	
Grid: _____	_____	
Reviewed: _____	_____	
_____ Approved		
_____ Denied		
_____ Partial Approval		
_____ 1x exception		
_____ Pending		

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PETITION FOR ACTION SUMMARY FORM

(TO BE FILLED OUT BY CSA ADVISER)

Student Name: _____ UNI: _____ School: _____

Semesters Completed: _____ Total Points Earned: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Is the student on academic action? Yes No If yes, please specify: _____

Does the student have prior petitions? Yes No If yes, please specify request, term, and outcome: _____

STUDENT CONTACT	NOTES/DATES OF CONTACT
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment/Walk-in	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Email/Phone	_____

ACTION REQUESTED	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	Please check one of the following
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Class After the Deadline	Has the Registration Adjustment form been properly completed and signed by the student?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Has the instructor form been properly completed and signed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Would the date and time of this course conflict/overlap with current schedule?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Does the student's current enrollment exceed the credit limit (SEAS-21/CC-22)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdraw/Drop Course After the Deadline	CC (W) - Has the Course Withdrawal Form been properly completed and signed by the student?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	SEAS (Drop) - Has the Registration Adjustment form been properly completed and signed by the student?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Has the instructor form been properly completed and signed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Has the student included supporting documentation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Will the student maintain the minimum point requirement without this course?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Change Grading Option After the Deadline	CC - request to cover – I can confirm that the student does not exceed max of 1 course for P/D/F this term.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	CC - request to cover – I can confirm that this action will not affect the student's ability to graduate on time.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	The department has confirmed that a letter grade is required for major/concentration or has provided additional feedback to the committee.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Change Point Value After the Deadline	Has the Registration Adjustment form been properly completed and signed by the student?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Will this action place the student above the maximum or below the minimum point requirement?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

IS THERE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WISH TO PROVIDE?

Adviser Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____