Committee on Academic Standing
Petition to Take a Language Instruction Class for a Pass/D/Fail Grade
(Columbia College Only)

What is the Committee on Academic Standing (CAS)?
CAS is comprised of Advisers and Advising Deans from the Berick 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 for action 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 take a language instruction class for a P/D/F grade?
Because success in learning a foreign language is dependent on the full engagement of the students enrolled in a language course, all terms of language instruction/conversation courses, whether being used toward fulfillment of the foreign language requirement or not, must be taken for a letter grade and may not be taken for a Pass/D/Fail grade. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the class instructor, the departmental director of language instruction, and CAS. Please note, a language course graded “P” still cannot apply toward the foreign language requirement.

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 in order to petition to take a language instruction class for a P/D/F grade?
1. Petition to take a language instruction class for a P/D/F grade (this packet)
2. A typed Statement to the Committee
3. “Grades” screen printed from SSOL

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. Additional information and documentation (not included with the initial petition) must be provided for your appeal to be considered. More details will be provided if your petition is not approved.
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(Please Type or Print Clearly)

Student Name: ___________________________________________ Date: ________________

UNI: ___________________________ Class Standing: ___________________________ Cell Phone: ________________

(First-year, sophomore, junior, senior)

School: □ Columbia College (CC) Intended Major(s)/Concentration(s): ___________________________
□ Columbia Engineering (SEAS)

CSA Adviser: ___________________________ Type and Date of Adviser Contact: ___________________________

(Email, appointment, walk-in, phone)

COURSE

Title: ___________________________ Department: ___________________________

Call #: ___________________________ Course #: ___________________________ Section #: ___________________________ Points: ____________

Approval of course instructor

Instructor’s Name ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Signature ___________________________ Email ___________________________

Approval of the departmental Director of Language Instruction

Instructor’s Name ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Signature ___________________________

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 a rationale for your request to take a language instruction class for a P/D/F grade.

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SUMMARY FORM

(TO BE FILLED OUT BY ADVISER)

Student Name: ___________________________ UNI: __________ School: __________

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

STUDENT CONTACT

☐ Email

☐ Appointment/Walk-in

☐ Phone

NOTES/DATES OF CONTACT

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Has the instructor signed the petition? Yes ☐ No ☐

Has the departmental Director of Language Instruction signed the petition? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is the student already enrolled in a P/D/F class this semester? Yes ☐ No ☐

Has the student already satisfied their foreign language Core requirement? Yes ☐ No ☐

IS THERE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WISH TO PROVIDE?

Adviser Name ___________________________ Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________