



EAST TENNESSEE STATE
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Graduate School Pass/Fail Policy

Policy Name: Graduate School Pass/Fail Policy

Policy Purpose

This policy specifies how graduate students can take courses for Pass/Fail credit.

Applicability

This policy is applicable to graduate students. This policy does not apply to students who are exclusively enrolled in Quillen College of Medicine in pursuit of their M.D. degree or the Gattton College of Pharmacy in pursuit of their Pharm.D.

Responsible Official, Office, and Interpretation

The Dean of the Graduate School and Graduate Council are responsible for the review and revision of this policy. For questions about this policy, please contact the Dean of the Graduate School. The Provost in consultation with the Office of University Counsel, has the final authority to interpret this policy.

Defined Terms

A defined term has a specific meaning within the context of this policy.

N/A

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Graduate students may only earn a Pass/Fail credit in courses identified by a graduate program for Pass/Fail credit and approved by Graduate Council. Graduate students cannot take courses offered in standard letter grade format for Pass/Fail credit.

Procedures

N/A

Applicable Forms and Websites

N/A

Authority and Revisions

Authority: TCA § 49-8-203, et seq.

Previous Policy: Previously part of the Graduate School Policy on Grading

The ETSU Board of Trustees is charged with policy making pursuant to TCA § 49-8-203, et seq. On March 24, 2017, the Board delegated its authority to ETSU's President to establish certain policies and procedures for educational program and other operations of the University, including this policy. The delegation of authority and required process for revision to this policy can be found on the [Policy Development and Rule Making Policy webpage](#).

To suggest a revision to this policy, please contact the responsible official indicated in this policy. Before a substantive change to the policy section may take effect, the requested changes must be: (1) approved by the responsible office; (2) reviewed by the Office of University Counsel for legal sufficiency; (3) posted for public comment; (4) approved by either Academic Council or University Council; and (5) approved by ETSU's President.

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