If I seek Academic Advising for guidance on “P” (Pass) grade selection, what can an SFU Beedie Advisor support me with?

An SFU Beedie Academic Advisor Can:

• Explain academic policies and requirements related to admission you may wish to consider in your decision to select a “P” (Pass) grade.
• Refer you to resources that can support you in making an informed decision, including the SFU GPA Calculator, Business Admission GPA Calculator, SFU Academic Calendar and our admission requirements page(s).
• Review your advising transcript to determine your eligibility for the business major program in a future term.

An SFU Beedie Academic Advisor is Unable To:

• Elect which course(s) you should select a “P” (Pass) grade for. Academic advisors are available to give guidance, but it is the responsibility of the student to make an informed decision using the information and resources provided.

Can a “P” (Pass) grade be used to satisfy the 5 required courses?

A Yes. For grades received in the Spring 2020 term, a P grade can be used to satisfy the 5 required courses for admission to the Business Minor.

Will a “P” (Pass) grade count towards my Business Admission Average on the 5 required courses?

A No. For grades received in the Spring 2020 term, any course completed with a “P” (Pass) grade will not be included in the Business Admission Average calculation required for admission.

Will a “P” (Pass) or “F” (Fail) grade count towards my SFU Business Course GPA?

A No. For grades received in the Spring 2020 term at SFU, any course completed with a “P” or “F” grade will not be included in the SFU Business Course GPA calculation required for admission. See here for more information on how to calculate your SFU Business Course GPA.

Will a “P” (Pass) or “F” (Fail) grade count towards my SFU CGPA?

A No. For grades received in the Spring 2020 term at SFU, any course completed with a “P” or “F” grade will not be included in your SFU CGPA calculation.

If I have a “P” (Pass) grade in one or more courses required for admission, will my other courses be weighted more heavily in the admission calculation?

A As “P” grades do not count towards your Business Admission Average, your average will be determined by your remaining required courses. For example, if you received a “P” grade in one of the five required courses, your average will be calculated based on the remaining four required courses.

How do I use the Business Minor GPA Calculator if I have “P” (Pass) grades?

A The GPA Course Calculator now has a “P” option for calculating your admission average. The GPA calculator can be found here.

Will I be disadvantaged compared to a student with A/B/C/D/F grades if I have taken “P” (Pass) grades in one or more required courses?

A No. Opting for a “P” grade will not negatively impact your application to the Business Minor program, as we acknowledge that your academics have been largely impacted by factors beyond your control in-light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While “P” grades can be used to satisfy our five required courses, grade information will allow the admission evaluation committee to best-assess your ability to be successful in our program. In the event your application presents insufficient grade information on the 5 required courses to make an admission decision, other academic indicators of success including your CGPA and/or SFU BUS GPA, may be considered alongside your Business Admission Average on the 5 required courses to determine your admissibility to the Business Minor program.

I will be completing some of the 5 required courses in the Summer 2020 term at SFU, remotely. Will the “P” (Pass) or “F” (Fail) grading option still be an option?

A No. “P” and “F” grading options are only available for the Spring 2020 semester at SFU.

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I received a “P” (Pass) grade in a required course and am planning to repeat it. Which grade will you use in my Business Admission Average calculation?

A  The SFU Beedie Admission Evaluation Committee will use the most advantageous letter grade in your admission evaluation (i.e. whichever letter grade will give your application the highest Business Admission average). Please note that of the 5 required courses, a maximum of two repeats can be included in your Business Admission Average. More information on our repeat policies can be found here under the “Requirements” tab.

I received an “F” (Fail) grade at SFU in the Spring 2020 term and need to repeat the course to be eligible for admission consideration to the Business Minor. Will this repeat count towards the two-course repeat policy for admission?

A  No. As per the University's Spring 2020 academic policies and procedures, repeats of courses where an “F” was earned in the Spring 2020 term at SFU will not count towards the single course repeat limit of two attempts, nor the overall SFU repeat limit of 5 attempts. As such, this specific scenario would not count towards one of your two course repeats for admission to the Business Minor.

More information can be found here.

If you have questions about the two course, one-time each repeat policy for admission, please connect with our Undergraduate Admissions team at bsb_admit@sfu.ca who can advise you on your repeat eligibility for admission to the Business Minor.

I received a D/F grade in an SFU course, and then repeated the course at SFU in the Spring 2020 term and received an F grade. Am I eligible for admission consideration if I repeat the course for a third time? (Example: Fall 2019 SFU BUS 251 = D, Spring 2020 SFU BUS 251 = F).

A  Yes. As per the University’s Spring 2020 academic policies and procedures, repeats of courses where a grade of “F” was earned in the Spring 2020 term at SFU will not count towards the single course repeat of two attempts, nor the overall SFU repeat limit of 5 attempts. More information can be found here.

We encourage you to connect with an SFU Advisor in the appropriate Faculty or Department for support with registering in the course for a third time. The contact information for the faculty or departmental advising offices can be found here.

Do “P” (Pass) grades count towards program requirements and the total units required for the Business Minor program?

A  Yes. For grades received in the Spring 2020 term, courses graded with a “P” will count towards program requirements and the total units required for the minor.

Will “P” (Pass) grades meet prerequisite requirements for other courses? If the course requires a minimum grade, will the “P” grade still meet the prerequisite requirement?

A  Yes, courses required for admission or as prerequisites with a “P” (pass) grade will satisfy the minimum course grade requirements.

I want more information on SFU’s Academic Policies and Procedures for Spring 2020. Where can I find additional information?

More information on SFU’s Academic Policies and Procedures for Spring 2020 can be found here.