What if I receive a scholarship/financial aid/VA Benefits/am an athlete?

It is very important and highly suggested that you contact the proper office before deciding to change your letter grade to a P, W, or do an Incomplete.

- Scholarship or Financial Aid: Contact the Office of Financial Aid to see if changing any course(s) to a P/W or Incomplete will negatively affect you in any way before changing your grade.
  
  a. Students need at least one grade of “C” or better in Spring 2020 to satisfy the GPA requirement for UAH merit scholarships (and perhaps others). So, students on scholarships should NOT take “Ps” in all Spring 2020 courses.
  
  b. In calculating the effects of P/W on GPA the hours earned via a “P” grade should NOT be used in computing semester or cumulative GPA.

- VA Benefits: Contact the UAH VA Office to see if changing any course(s) to a P/W or Incomplete will negatively affect you in any way before changing your grade.

- Athlete: Contact Ms. Julie Woltjen, Director of Athletic Compliance, to see if changing any course(s) to a P/W or Incomplete will negatively affect you in any way before changing your grade.

Additional Notes for CAHS Students

Can I choose P/W for EH 101 – College Writing I?

While students may choose a “P” for EH 101 if they earn at least D-, please be aware that students who do poorly in EH 101 will find EH 102 particularly difficult, and may not do well, potentially failing.

Students who choose a “P” for a poor grade are strongly encouraged to work with their professor in EH 102 if they are having issues, and to seek tutoring, which is available for free at UAH with the Student Success Center. If a student does not feel prepared to advance to EH 102, it may be more reasonable to choose a “W” and retake EH 101.

What if I make a “D” in a class that normally requires a “C,” and this class is a prerequisite for another course? If I change the grade to a “P,” will I be allowed to take the other class?

Yes. However, since you will be expected to have mastered the material in the class in question in order to succeed in your future class(es), you might not be in a position to do well in the other class(es).

What if I’m a Psychology Student? Don’t I need a “C” or better in some classes?

All PY classes are eligible for P/W. However, since doing well in certain courses – particularly PY 102, PY 300/304 (formerly PY 300/300L), PY 303/305 (formerly PY 303/303L), and PY 302 – is imperative to doing well in other Psychology courses, the Psychology Department will be sending out a letter to Psychology Majors informing them of the pros and cons of doing P/W.

In deciding whether to take a “P” rather than a “W” in a given course, students should consider whether they are sufficiently prepared to succeed in courses for which the course is a prerequisite. If they do not feel prepared to advance to a higher course, choosing a “W” and retaking the course may be the most reasonable decision.

What if I’m a Pre-Professional Student (Pre-Health or Pre-Law)? Can I do P/W?
Per Pre-Professional Advising, students are **highly encouraged** to attain the best letter grade possible for Spring 2020. Still, Pre-Professional students may choose the P/W option. Since this is to be determined on a case-by-case basis, Pre-Professional students should contact Ms. Brooke Sheetz in Pre-Professional Advising to see what the best course of action should be for these respective classes.

In some cases, graduate and professional schools may recompute student GPAs by assigning weights to +, -, and P grades. You should take this into consideration in making your decision about exercising the P/W option. Again, if you are considering graduate or professional education after completing your undergraduate degree, you are strongly encouraged to speak to a CAHS advisor and/or the Pre-Professional advisor about your decision.