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ISSS Modified Grading Guide

Will it negatively impact an international student to take a course P+/P/NP?

Students in F-1 and J-1 status are generally required to be enrolled full-time. However, immigration regulations for these visa statuses do not restrict the type of grading used for an enrolled class. This means that F-1 and J-1 students can request to take a course P+/P/NP rather than a letter grade as long as they remain enrolled full-time and are making progress toward completing their course of study. Please review [full-time enrollment requirements for F-1 and J-1 students](#).

Before taking a course P+/P/NP, third-party sponsored students, such as students sponsored by their home country government or another organization, should ask their sponsor advisor whether their sponsor prohibits them from taking a course P+/P/NP. Each sponsor will have different policies about grading and some may not accept courses taken P+/P/NP.

No other international student visa types are subject to enrollment requirements, so students in H-4, E-2, L-2, or other statuses may opt to take a course P+/P/NP.

If you are an international student (not sponsored) and have questions about the impact of changing from letter grading to P+/P/NP grading, please contact your [assigned International Services Specialist](#).

If you are a sponsored student and have questions about the impact of changing from letter grading to P+/P/NP grading, please contact your sponsor advisor or Elyse Roberts, Sponsored Student Coordinator, at sponsorservices@ucdenver.edu. To request a letter for your sponsor, please submit a [Sponsor Letter Request](#).