Kutztown University Policy ACA-088

Pass/Fail Grading – Graduate Students

A. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the standards and procedures for awarding pass/fail credit to graduate students.

B. Scope

This policy applies to individual graduate courses that have been approved for pass/fail grading through the curricular process at Kutztown University. Courses may be approved for pass/fail grading where a letter grade is not appropriate. Examples of such courses may include field experience, internship, thesis, or dissertation courses.

C. Key words and phrases:

CGPA – Cumulative grade point average.

PA (passing grade): A grade awarded to graduate students equivalent to a "B" or better.

FA (failing grade): A grade awarded to graduate students equivalent to a "B-" or lower.

D. Policy & Procedure(s)

A grade of "PA" is given for courses where students have successfully completed the requirements of the course and a letter grade is not appropriate. Credit hours are recorded but not used in the CGPA calculation.

A grade of "FA" is given for unsatisfactory completion of course requirements. No credit hours are recorded, and there is no effect on the CGPA.

E. Effective Date

Fall 2018

F. Approved By

Endorsed by University Senate – May 3, 2018
Approved by University President – May 15, 2018

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G. Last Reviewed

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