Pre-Engineering Pass/No Pass Guidelines
Spring 2020

In order to be reviewed for admission, students must complete three pre-engineering courses for a letter grade. Pre-engineers are welcome to change any non-STEM courses to Pass/No Pass, such as GEs and elective courses. This will not affect the review process. If students would still like to be reviewed for admission at the end of the spring 2020 semester, it is the recommended course of action to earn a Letter Grade in all math, science and engineering courses. However, in order to give students increased flexibility in their grading options, we have compiled a list of exceptions:

- Pre-engineers can change their math course to P/NP if they have already completed Math 126/129 or higher at USC and earned a grade of B or higher. Students can also change their math course to P/NP if they are currently enrolled in Math 125.

- A science course (i.e. PHYS, CHEM and BISC) can be changed to P/NP if an eligible science course has already been completed at USC and with a grade of B or higher.
  - Eligible courses include PHYS 151/152/153, PHYS 161/162/163, PHYS 171,172,173, CHEM 105a/b, CHEM 322a/b, BISC 120/220/320, MASC 110/310.

- An engineering course can be changed to P/NP if a student has already completed an eligible engineering course at USC and earned a grade of B or higher.
  - Eligible engineering courses are courses required for the intended engineering major.
  - Ex) If a student has completed AME 101 with a grade of B or higher and is currently enrolled in ITP 168, they can take ITP 168 for P/NP.

- CSCI 102 can be taken P/NP.

- At this time all CSCI courses with a grade qualifier (CSCI 103/104/170/201) should be kept as a letter grade. We will send out additional information if this changes.

If a student chooses to take a pre-engineering course as Pass/No Pass, and this makes it so they no longer have three pre-engineering courses taken for a letter grade at the end of spring 2020, their pre-engineering term will automatically be extended one semester. Priority consideration will be given to students who earn grades of Bs or better in math, science and engineering courses in the next semester.

- Students should speak with a pre-engineering advisor prior to making this choice in order to discuss all degree progress implications.

- It is not recommended for students in their second semester of pre-engineering to extend to a 3rd semester.

Please direct all questions to viterbi.studentservices@usc.edu.