



To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves to clarify School for New Learning (SNL) policy regarding Pass/Fail courses.

SNL provides a unique approach to learning for adults, with customized programs that build upon abilities and experiences, add knowledge, and develop skills to help achieve personal and professional goals. A fundamental idea embedded in our academic program is the value of learning from experience. We believe that mixing experiences and interpretations results in lasting knowledge. SNL also values individualized learning, with students moving at their own pace with personalized guidance. And, very importantly, SNL programs are designed to recognize and develop competence. Our students are assessed on their problem-solving knowledge.

As a result of this philosophical perspective regarding education, many of the classes offered in SNL's program are taken by students on a Pass/Fail basis. A "Pass" grade indicates a student has met the course criteria developed by the instructor and demonstrated competence in class materials and topics. Courses graded "Pass" count towards DePaul graduation requirements and should be understood as representing *mastery* of course subjects.

Three SNL courses are always assessed on a Pass/Fail basis: LL 250 Foundations of Adult Learning, FA 303/304 Advanced Project and LL 390 Summit Seminar.

Six courses are usually graded Pass/Fail, but may be assessed for a letter grade, upon student request. Permission must be obtained by a student from the course instructor, without exception, by the beginning of the third week of the quarter. These courses are the following: LL 103 Independent Learning Seminar, LL 140 Writing Workshop, LL 260 Writing for Competence, LL 270 Critical Thinking, LL 300 Research Seminar, and LL 302 Externship.

Should you have any further questions about this matter, please contact me directly at sbono@depaul.edu

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