

SEEMS FAQs

Agricultural, Environmental, and Sustainability Sciences (MS) – specific FAQs: Owen Temby, Academic Program Coordinator.

Q: I am pursuing the non-thesis capstone. How can I complete my internship requirement at this time?

A: The AESS MS program is offering students flexibility to complete their non-thesis capstone requirements with alternative comparable work for credit. Students needing to complete an internship for credit and seeking an alternative should contact the AESS program coordinator.

Q: Does Pass satisfy my AESS degree requirements?

A: Yes. Pass will satisfy requirements, so long as students maintain the minimum GPA required by the Graduate College.

Q: Does Pass satisfy impact my ability to receive the DGA or PGRA?

A: Yes. Pass will satisfy requirements, so long as students maintain the minimum GPA required by the Graduate College.

Q: Does Pass impact my visa (if an international student)?

A: A student on a F-1 visa should contact the DSO (Designated School Official) at the Office of International Programs before making any decision. The situation is very fluid and [ICE.gov](https://ice.dhs.gov) is coming up with new academic advisories for all international students. Typically, these are relayed to all the DSOs at all SEVIS-approved US schools. But it is paramount that students discuss this with the DSO before choosing for this Pass/Fail option.

Marine Biology (BS) – specific FAQs: David Hicks and Hudson DeYoe academic program coordinators

- **What should I do if I have a letter grade of B or C ? Should I keep the letter grade of choose Pass ?**

Answer. If you have a letter grade A there is no need to change it to a Pass. However, if you have B or C you are strongly advised to contact your advisor before taking any action.

- **As a Marine Biology Major, who can I contact for additional questions about “Pass/No Pass Grading”?**
 - On the Edinburg Campus:
 - Hudson DeYoe (Undergraduate Advisor) HUDSON.DEYOE@UTRGV.EDU
 - On the Brownsville Campus:
 - David Hicks (Undergraduate Advisor) DAVID.HICKS@UTRGV.EDU

- As a graduate student in the OCES MS program, who can I contact for additional questions about “Pass/No Pass Grading”?
 - Diego Figueroa (Graduate Committee) diego.figueroa@utrgv.edu

Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems (BS)-specific FAQs: Christopher Gabler (SAFS BS Academic Program Coordinator), christopher.gabler@utrgv.edu

- Will grades of Pass satisfy my SAFS BS degree requirements?
 - Yes, so long as you maintain all university-defined minimum GPA requirements. Please note, however, that some required courses have minimum letter grade requirements for prerequisite courses, so selecting Pass/No Pass may affect your eligibility to enroll in certain courses. All prerequisite information may be found on the UTRGV Course Catalogue (https://mywebsis.utrgv.edu/PROD/bwckctlg.p_disp_dyn_ctlg). Students with additional questions about course prerequisites can also contact Academic Advising (<https://www.utrgv.edu/advising/>).
- How will Pass/No Pass grading affect SAFS BS capstone courses?
 - The SAFS BS capstone courses focused on community-engaged scholarship face a variety of challenges posed by social distancing and shelter-at-home requirements, but Pass/No Pass grading will not affect these courses. Students awarded a grade of Pass in any SAFS capstone course will be eligible for all subsequent capstone courses and will meet program-specific graduation requirements. Students with questions about EEMS 4381 or EEMS 4382 (or CESL 3301/3302) should contact the instructor of record for those courses for more information about how to fulfill course requirements given current restrictions on travel or interpersonal contact. Students with general questions about SAFS capstone coursework can contact Dr. Chris Gabler, the SAFS BS Academic Program Coordinator (christopher.gabler@utrgv.edu).

General Guidance (modeled on Physics)

- As a SAFS Major, who can I contact for additional questions about “Pass/No Pass Grading”?
 - Christopher Gabler (SAFS BS Academic Program Coordinator), christopher.gabler@utrgv.edu