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We are aware that you may change your course grade to pass/fail. Before you change to p/f, realize that each graduate and professional school may look at p/f differently.

**The following advice applies to students who plan to apply to law school.** I have communicated with two of the Texas law schools and have discussed this with other top prelaw advisors across the country. As always, your mileage may vary, so don’t rush into making a decision for the wrong reasons!

1. Generally, if you take a course or two pass/fail during Spring 2020, this should not have a negative impact on your law school applications.

2. If you are planning to graduate with Latin honors (cum laude, etc.) you need to make certain you have enough graded hours. Check [Student Rules](#) for definitions and requirements.

3. You do not have to decide TODAY about the pass/fail decision. You have until late April to make the switch. Use your time to learn the material and improve your grade average with an A.

Finally, use this unexpected change to become a better scholar. Use your time wisely!!!! Explore legal careers and learn something new every day.

On a more practical note, one dean commented that students need to make a decision and own it. Law schools are also in making similar decisions for law students and they know what is happening. Therefore, do your best!!

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