

Colleagues,

I'd like to update you on two decisions.

First, to preserve the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are suspending in-person Summer courses. All Summer courses will continue online or use alternative methods. Deans will confirm with faculty and staff whether any currently scheduled courses will not be offered and hope this will be very few. Our aim is to inform students as soon as possible of any changes so they may finish planning their summer schedules accordingly. This is, of course, nowhere near ideal. I can only ask that you continue your determined efforts to maintain the continuity of our curriculum and our student support services during this difficult period.

Second, to adopt a more accommodative grading approach for the current semester, the University Committee, with approval of the Chancellor, recommends the following changes for the Spring 2020 semester. Please look for implementation guidance shortly.

- a. The option of Credit/No Credit (as these grades are defined in the Catalog) should be available for all students in all courses.
- b. The student shall make the selection of this option, or grading according to the regular grading scheme, for each course.
- c. The selection shall be made by the student after regular grades have been assigned and made known to the student.
- d. A grade of CR shall suffice as fulfilling the completion of a prerequisite, regardless of any other stated minimum grade in the prerequisite.

Thanks to each of you for all you continue to do.

- Rob

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