

Dear Warhawk Graduate students,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 academic year! It's great to have you back on our campuses. We've all been hard at work to prepare for a safe return, so please honor this opportunity by following the social covenant and doing all you can to keep yourself and your peers safe.

As we did in the spring semester, we are implementing a grade change policy to acknowledge the difficulties you might face due to COVID-19 this semester.

1. Graduate students will have the option to switch to Pass/Fail as late as October 16, 11:59 pm, for courses offered in the first 8 weeks of the semester (8WK1 courses). The deadline is December 11, 11:59 pm, for courses offered in the second 8 weeks (8WK2 courses) or during the full 16-week semester (16WK courses).
 - A passing grade is defined by the course instructor and would be represented as an "S" on your transcript. "S" does not improve GPA.
 - If you choose the Pass/Fail option, an "F" grade is calculated in the GPA, therefore it will have a negative impact on GPA.
 - You will receive a letter grade unless you opt to use Pass/Fail grade basis or you are in a course that was already selected for Pass/Fail.
 - If you are considering changing a course to Pass/Fail status, ***we strongly advise*** that you meet with [your advisor](#), instructor, program coordinator, and/or the advising office of your major. These advisors can help you understand the many consequences of a Pass/Fail grade for your GPA, probationary standing, licensure requirements (if relevant for your program), course repeats, Satisfactory Academic Progress for financial aid, veterans benefit status, and other important issues. This is strongly advised regardless of advising in the Spring of 2020 as consequences may have changed.
 - Students who receive federal financial aid should consult with their [Financial Aid Counselor](#).

- If you are repeating a course for credit this fall term, you cannot opt to use the Pass/Fail grade basis for that particular course. Course repeats must use letter grades in order to count as an effective repeat.
 - The fall 2020 semester will be an exception to policies restricting the choice of the Pass/Fail grade basis.
 - [Some courses](#) will be exempt, and you will not be able to select Pass/Fail for these exempted courses.
 - The Pass/Fail option may be [selected in WINS](#):
 - See <https://www.uww.edu/registrar/schedule-of-classes/grade-option-change---fall-2020#graduatestudents> for further details.
2. In addition to the above, all students will automatically have a semester-level comment added to the official academic transcript stating: “Fall 2020 courses were completed during the COVID-19 crisis.”

We care deeply about the safety, well-being and success of our students. As we continue to navigate this unprecedented crisis, the Warhawk community is here to support you.

Please stay safe,

Dr. John Chenoweth
Interim Provost