

Recommendation on Grading, Course Drop Deadline, and Academic Standing for Spring 2020 **Graduate Courses**

The **Graduate Council** makes the following recommendations in regards to grading, course drop deadline, and academic standing for the spring 2020 semester.

Grading

The **Graduate Council** recommends that the deadline for students to change the grading basis in a course be extended to **the same date recommended by UCC and Faculty Senate for undergraduate curriculum**. The **Council** further recommends that the spring 2020 semester be made an exception to all policies restricting the choice of the **Pass/Fail (S/F)** grade basis, **except** that each department in consultation with its college be allowed to submit a list of courses for which **S/F** cannot be chosen. **Departments and colleges must submit their lists by the deadline recommended by the UCC/Faculty Senate for undergraduate courses**. **The current policy in the graduate catalog that "Instructors decide what constitutes a grade of pass for their courses" shall not be affected by this Spring 2020 recommendation**. The **Graduate Council** strongly recommends that students be advised by a faculty or professional advisor prior to changing the grade basis and that such **advice** be sought as soon as possible, preferably prior to the end of the term. College advising offices should help with this process.

Course Drop Deadline

The **Graduate Council** recommends that the deadline to drop a course with a W assigned be extended **to the same date as the one recommended for undergraduate courses**.

Academic Standing

The **Graduate Council** recommends that the spring 2020 semester be treated in the same manner as a summer semester so that academic standing can only be positively impacted by the semester.

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