Temporary Academic Policy Changes for Spring 2020 Courses:
Courses Taken on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Basis and Student-initiated Course Drops

Temporary changes have been made to the course grading policy and the course drop date – both applicable only toward spring 2020 courses.

With the support of the Faculty Senate, the Graduate Council, and the deans, the Provost and President have approved the temporary changes effective April 6, 2020, to provide students with academic flexibility and ways to relieve the pressure of the transition to online courses due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

Temporary Course Drop Policy for Spring 2020 Courses

- The spring 2020 deadline to drop a course will be extended to the last day of classes, May 7, 2020.
- All courses dropped in the spring 2020 semester will be considered “non-academic” and will not count toward the students’ six-drop limit.
- Students will receive a “W” for courses dropped in spring 2020.

Temporary Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) Policy for Spring 2020 Courses

- Instructors may opt in to allow their courses, taken spring 2020 only, to be taken as satisfactory/unsatisfactory.
- Instructors will notify students in their course(s) whether this option is available for the course, and provide the criteria for receiving a satisfactory grade (consistent with the approved criteria of letter grading outlined in the syllabus).
- Students should consult with their academic advisor before changing their registration to satisfactory/unsatisfactory. Please note that passing a satisfactory/unsatisfactory graded course will not be factored into the GPA.
- Students interested in applying to professional schools should consult the requirements of those programs (e.g., dental, law, medical, nursing, pharmacy, or veterinary schools) to make sure that a satisfactory/unsatisfactory designation in any particular course would be accepted during the application process.
- The deadline for students to change their grading mode to satisfactory/unsatisfactory for spring 2020 is the last day of classes, May 7, 2020.
- Spring 2020 coursework taken as satisfactory/unsatisfactory will not count against students’ satisfactory/unsatisfactory limits. Students will not be penalized for a satisfactory/unsatisfactory designation taken in the spring 2020 semester.
- Classes completed with satisfactory/unsatisfactory designations in the spring 2020 semester will count toward degree requirements and will satisfy required prerequisites.
- Where allowable, all limitations on courses taken as satisfactory/unsatisfactory will be waived for the spring 2020 semester.