

We continue to adapt to the rapidly-changing circumstances that the spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19, present to us as a campus and individually. Moving courses to alternative delivery methods has been a massive undertaking, requiring a great deal of flexibility on the part of faculty, staff and students. Similar to many other schools, we are implementing an Emergency Grading Accommodation for undergraduate courses taken during the Spring 2020 semester.

### **Emergency Grading and Academic Record Notations due to COVID-19 March 2020**

As a result of the unusual circumstances surrounding the coronavirus, COVID-19, and the transition from face to face courses to the online environment, a new option for students will be available for the Spring Semester 2020. This is the only academic term that this will apply to.

Please note – emergency grading applies to undergraduate courses only. Graduate courses (numbered 600 or higher) taken by undergraduate students may not be taken pass/fail. This includes 4<sup>th</sup> year athletic training and physical therapy courses.

#### **How emergency grading will be applied to student records:**

- All courses will be graded with the standard grading scale for Spring 2020 (letter grades).
- The deadline for grade submission is Friday, May 15, 2020, at noon, including grades for graduating seniors.
- Beginning on May 15, 2020 and until the end of the business day on May 22, 2020, students may elect to convert their grade to a Pass/Fail designation. With advisor approval\*, students may submit that request to the Registrar's office. Additional details on this process will follow.
- A passing grade will count for hours towards degree, hours in residence, and will fulfill prerequisite requirements where a grade is not indicated in the academic catalog.
- A grade of P (Pass) will be assigned if a student earns a D- or higher. A grade of PH (Pass with Honors) will be assigned if a student earns a B+ or higher. Grades of P and PH are not calculated in the GPA.
- Courses graded P and PH will satisfy Constellation, major, and minor requirements **for the spring 2020 semester only**. Normally, courses with grades of P and PH may not satisfy these requirements, unless courses are only graded on a pass/fail basis.
- Students who do not earn at least a D- will receive a grade of F. Grades of F will continue to be calculated in the GPA. The last day to withdraw from a course if you wish to do so is April 29.
- A transcript notation will be added to all academic transcripts, regardless of grading basis, notating the global public health emergency during the Spring 2020 semester.

Details concerning the process for requesting the P/F option, and implications for Academic Standing, Dean's List and Graduation Honors will follow.

\*In some cases letter grades may be required for external purposes such as licensure or admission to graduate programs. Advisor approval will help students make knowledgeable decisions regarding when it is appropriate to elect the Pass/Fail option.