To: Allied Health Sciences applicants
From: Susan Gregoire, AHS Program Director
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Re: P/F grades for application to the Allied Health Sciences major

This memo is to clarify the P/F course conversion option for applicants to the Allied Health Sciences major. The Registrar has determined that students can (at their discretion) convert any/all Spring 2020 courses to a P/F option. However, students bear the responsibility for electing to do so.

Application to the AHS major:

- The AHS Admissions Committee will accept student petitions that include AHS prerequisite courses placed on P/F in spring 2020.
- As always, applications will be considered in total and other components will continue to factor into admission decisions.
- The deadline for application will not change.

NOTE: While the AHS Admissions Committee will accept spring 2020 P/F courses when making admission decisions, students should be mindful that some AHS admission course requirements may also be graduate admission requirements. Therefore, caution should be taken when making a decision to place a course on P/F. The Allied Health Sciences program does not advocate converting all spring 2020 courses to P/F; strongly consider the following and weigh options prior to making any conversion decision.

Following investigation of Graduate Health Programs,

- It has been determined that some professional associations for health careers have not made a ruling and others are allowing individual graduate health programs to make the decision to allow P/F courses to meet admission requirements. Therefore, it is near impossible at this time to determine which graduate programs will or won’t allow P/F grades to satisfy admission requirements.
- Currently, not all graduate programs (e.g. Med School, Dental School, PT, PA, etc.) allow P/F grades toward their graduate admission requirements.
- Common application Systems (AAMCAS, PTCAS, CASPA, OTCAS, etc.) that use grades to standardize GPAs across applicants have taken under consideration but have not made a ruling on if and how P/F courses will be factored into calculating GPAs.

Therefore, it is the student’s responsibility to confirm that courses being taken for individual programs they seek admission to are/are not required to have a letter grade. If a student converts a course to P/F that is on a graduate admission requirements list, they could lessen their competitiveness or may not be eligible for consideration if P/F grades are not accepted. Should students elect to take courses P/F and those courses are required as graded courses for graduate admissions, they may be required to retake the courses following graduation to be eligible for graduate admission consideration.
GIVEN THE UNCERTAINTY OF GRADUATE PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS, IT IS WITH STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT STUDENTS DO NOT PLACE GRADUATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS ON P/F. These courses may include (but are not restricted to):

- CHEM 1122, 1124Q, 1125Q, 1126Q, 1127Q, 1128Q, 2241, 2242, 2443, 2444, and 2445
- BIOL 1107 and 1108
- MCB 2000, 2201, 2400, and 2610
- PHYS 1010Q, 1201Q, 1202Q, 1401Q, 1402Q, 1501Q and 1502Q
- PNB 2264, 2265, 2274 and 2275
- MATH 1060Q, 1131Q or higher