This memo is to clarify the P/F course conversion option for Spring 2020 for students in 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. While recognizing the unique situation that students are being asked to complete their semester under, the Allied Health Sciences program does not advocate converting all courses to P/F, and strongly recommends being very cautious before converting specific courses to P/F. The AHS major will implement the following adjustments to the AHS major coursework taken in spring 2020. Please note that these requirements may be subject to change as new information becomes available.

1) **Major requirements**: FOR THIS SEMESTER ONLY
   a. **General Education requirements** (Part I on the plan of study): In keeping with the university’s recommendations, courses meeting GERs can be placed on P/F.
   b. **Concentration requirements** (Part II on the plan of study): In keeping with the university’s recommendations, concentration requirements may be taken P/F. However, students are advised that some courses (e.g. CHEM, BIOL, and MATH) may be on graduate admission requirement lists. Therefore, caution should be taken when making a decision to place these types of courses on P/F (please refer to rationale for explanation of this caution).
   c. **36-credit major requirements** (Part III on the plan of study): Courses taken Spring 2020 (only) to meet the 36-credit requirement (Group A and B collectively) may be converted to P/F and still satisfy this requirement. **However, students are strongly advised that some courses (e.g. AH 2001, PNB, MCB, CHEM, etc.) may also be used toward admission requirements for graduate programs.** Therefore, caution should be taken when making a decision to place courses on P/F (please refer to rationale for explanation of this caution).
   d. **Electives**: In keeping with the university’s recommendations, courses meeting electives can be placed on P/F.

2) **Rationale for Decision**: Students should strongly consider the following and weigh options prior to making any conversion decisions.
   1) Following investigation of Graduate Health Programs,
      a) 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.
b) Currently, not all graduate programs (e.g. Med School, Dental School, PT, PA, etc.) allow P/F grades toward their graduate admission requirements.

C) 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):

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

2) Students should consider financial aid implications prior to placing any course on P/F. Students are advised to check with the Financial Aid office as requirements vary based on the type of aid.

3) For Honors – the honors office has established a website [https://honors.uconn.edu/covid19](https://honors.uconn.edu/covid19) with information and considerations for honors students and those contemplating an application to the honors program. Honors students and those considering an application to Honors are advised to familiarize themselves with this information prior to making any decisions regarding the P/F option and/or a late drop.