MOU Spring 2020 Opt-In Pass/Unsatisfactory Option – Graduate Students
March 25, 2020

Wright State University and AAUP-WSU agree that the Spring 2020 semester is considered an extraordinary event due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We agree that the requirement within Article 7.2.1.1 for faculty consent of a grade change is suspended for the Spring 2020 semester only. Specifically, students may request a grade change per the terms presented below. The university will process these grade change requests.

Recognizing that factors related to COVID-19 have affected graduate students’ ability to perform at their best, Wright State University is offering graduate students the option to convert any of their course grades to Pass/Unsatisfactory grading for the Spring 2020 semester, excluding A-term courses and X-term courses completed before March 9, and excluding SOPP, BSOM, and BSOM-only graduate programs. The following terms apply to this option:

a. A grade of P is equivalent to a “C” or better.
b. A grade of U cannot be applied to a degree.
c. A grade of P during Spring 2020 does not count toward the maximum of 6 credit hours of C that may meet requirements for a graduate degree.
d. P/U grades do not earn GPA points.

Faculty will submit their grades by noon on May 6, and students will have from May 11 until noon on May 15 to choose to convert any of those grades to P/U.

This option is designed to protect the student’s GPA, and the decision to convert a course grade to P/U is entirely up to the student. However, students should consult their advisors and program directors to discuss the implications of the P/U grade specific to their program. Such implications may include:

- P/U grades may not meet some course prerequisites.
- P/U grades may not meet some professional licensing requirements.
- Changing to P/U grades might, in some circumstances, prevent a graduate student from achieving the GPA necessary to meet conditional admission requirements, avoid academic probation/dismissal, or graduate.
- P/U grades may not meet Financial Aid, tuition reimbursement, or Veterans Affairs requirements (please check with the relevant organization).

P/U grades during Spring 2020 will not adversely affect the Graduate School’s assessment of satisfactory progress for graduate assistants.

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