

February 26, 2021

**ASSOCIATE DEANS  
GRADUATE AFFAIRS DIRECTORS**

**RE: GRADING OPTION FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHING COURSES**

Dear Colleagues,

In January, the Graduate Council voted unanimously to mandate that all University Teaching (399) courses be taught on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis only. This change was endorsed by the Senate Cabinet at its February 16, 2021 meeting.

Should you wish to have a proposal considered, you may submit a request to use the letter grading option for University Teaching courses to the Graduate Council by **March 26, 2021** for review and possible exceptional approval. Please note that the Graduate Council strongly recommends that Teaching Assistants be provided with written feedback on their teaching.

Per the Senate's request, the Office of the Registrar will be modifying the grading option for all University Teaching courses to Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only effective Fall Quarter 2021.

All Schools are strongly encouraged to make this change effective immediately.

Sincerely,



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