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Dear Colleagues:

In response to continued challenging circumstances that instructors and students are facing during remote instruction, we write to let you know that the Academic Senate has approved that flexibility of Pass/Not Pass grading options shall continue through Summer Session 2020. Please note that these adjustments apply to undergraduate courses for Summer Session 2020 only. The Senate is currently assessing whether these accommodations should continue into fall quarter. These adjustments are made in keeping with recommendations from the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) and in consultation with the Divisional Council on Educational Policy (CEP), the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning, and the University Registrar. We thank all of you for your ongoing flexibility and concern for our students and will update you about any further changes and accommodations as we go.

Yours,  
James Steintrager, Chair  
Academic Senate, Irvine Division

**Pass/Not Pass regulations (temporary):**

1. All undergraduate courses will have a P/NP grading option. However, faculty may not require students to enroll in a course P/NP if the course currently has a letter-grade option. The choice is up to the student.
2. The Academic Senate grants deans and units the authority to temporarily count P/NP courses toward the fulfillment of specific School and major requirements (where fulfillment of a requirement currently can only be done with a letter grade). Furthermore, the Academic Senate positively encourages the relaxation of such requirements.
3. Students will be able to change from the letter-grade option to P/NP through the last day of instruction for the session in which they are enrolled: Session I, Session II or the 10-week session.
4. P/NP courses taken during Summer Session 2020 will not count toward the 12-unit overall cap on these courses.
5. Students on academic probation may enroll in a course as P/NP during Summer Session 2020.

**Important advising considerations:**

In relation to these temporary changes to Pass/Not Pass regulations, units should advise students of the potential impacts of their decisions that are beyond the control of UCI. In particular: medical schools, graduate programs, and professional schools may not accept a grading option of P/NP for some courses. Although part of our standard advising, students should also be made aware of the impact of P/NP courses on GPA, as well as potential impacts on “satisfactory academic progress” and financial aid. The [Registrar](#) should soon have updated FAQs on Pass/Not Pass grades for summer that will help inform students about their options and any ramifications.