Dear

We hope you and your loved ones are safe and well. As a global community, many of our students and alums have been impacted directly by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please know that we continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Below is an important update following recent academic policy decisions made by the University that were announced Friday evening. After wide consultation, the College Council of the Mendoza College of Business and Dean Martijn Cremers also approved changes to the grading policy for students enrolled in our graduate programs. The changes to the Mendoza grading policy focus on the best options for 1) accommodating students who face particular difficulties in the new online teaching environment and 2) providing equitable treatment to all students. Hopefully this email will answer your questions and concerns, but please also reach out to us if you have additional comments. You can find additional information about the University’s undergraduate academic policies on coronavirus.nd.edu.

For the 2020 spring semester, Mendoza is adopting a pass/no credit option for its graduate students. After reviewing their final letter grades, any student enrolled in the Notre Dame MBA, MSM, MSBA (South Bend and Chicago), MSA, MNA, Executive MNA, and Executive MBA (South Bend and Chicago) programs can choose to accept their letter grades, or opt into a pass/no credit option.

Those receiving a letter grade of A through C- can choose to receive a pass (P). Those receiving an F grade can choose to receive a no credit (NC). In either case, within the P/NC option, there is no impact on grade point average. Graduate business students can make this choice for any or all of their courses. This grading option does not apply to courses that concluded prior to March 13, 2020.

Instructions on how to elect the P/NC option will be provided later in the semester. Also, as was previously communicated, the Mendoza curve is suspended for the spring semester, which is meant to allow for more generous letter grades.

We will be offering opportunities to ask questions about the new grading policy in the coming weeks. Details are forthcoming via email, but don’t hesitate to ask if you have questions in the meantime.

On behalf of the Mendoza leadership, faculty and staff, we are thankful for the positive attitude and grace that so many of you have shown, but we also know you face many challenges across all facets of your lives. We reiterate our concern for students’ health and safety during this difficult period, and our continued commitment to relieve additional stress due to concerns over grading and coursework where we can. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch with us, our student services team, or faculty if we can be of help.

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