

Hello –

I hope your transition to online learning is going well. I know that this isn't how anyone expected the semester to go and that these transitions may present challenges for you – but you should know that your perseverance, flexibility and dedication to your education has not gone unnoticed. I often tell my family that “We Can Do Hard Things” and while we've never been tested quite like this, I believe it to be true of those in my home and each College of Management student. As always, I would encourage you to reach out to your professors and academic advisor if you have questions or need help succeeding under these new learning conditions.

Now, an important policy update - as you may be aware, the [University has updated the Pass/Fail policy](#). Below you will see the changes and how they relate to you as a College of Management student.

- The deadline to select the pass/fail grading option or drop a spring 2020 course has been moved from April 23, 2020 to May 13, 2020.
 - There is no limit to the number of courses you can take pass/fail this semester, however, certain courses are not allowed to be taken pass/fail and must be taken for a letter grade.
 - o **In CM, BC 230 and BC 290 must still be taken for a letter grade.** A minimum grade of a B- is still needed to successfully complete BC 230 and/or BC 290. **This is the only College of Management course or requirement that cannot be taken Pass/Fail this semester.**
 - If you have already selected the P/F option for BC 230 or BC 290 this semester, you should update your grading option for this course on Wiser again.
 - o All other courses from the AF, MGT, MKT, MSIS, SCSM and IT departments can be taken for a pass/fail grade this semester. Normally these must also be taken for a letter grade only, so this is a change that may benefit you this semester.
 - **Special Note for Information Technology (IT) majors:** The IT major is jointly offered by the College of Management (CM) and the College of Science and Mathematics (CSM). **CM IT majors CAN take IT courses pass/fail this semester** regardless of the college that offers the IT course or the college to which the IT instructor reports. CSM IT majors CANNOT take any IT course pass/fail. I am clarifying this for you here in case you receive mixed messages from your IT instructors. When in doubt, give your advisor a shout!
 - o The following degree requirements can also be taken pass/fail this semester: MATH 134; ENGL 101, ENGL 102, ECON 101, ECON 102.
 - **Special Note about MATH courses:** The typical math course sequence for a CM student is MATH 115 to MATH 129 to MATH 134, but your ALEKS score determines which math course(s) you need to take prior to taking the MATH 134 requirement.
- MATH 115 can be taken P/F – HOWEVER, you still must perform at the level of a grade of B or better to advance to pre-calculus. A record of your actual letter grade will be maintained even if you select the P/F option and pre-calculus

instructors are usually responsible for verifying appropriate performance in MATH 115.

MATH 129 can be taken P/F and there is no minimum performance level (other than a D- or a P) to advance to MATH 134.

- You should be aware that a grade of a “P” does not impact your GPA. This could be meaningful if you are trying to raise your GPA for any reason or are repeating a course this semester.
- A grade of an “F” still impacts your GPA negatively regardless of the grading option you select (letter grade or pass/fail option).
- If you plan to enroll in graduate school or have accepted a new job post-graduation, you should confirm with them that a “P” in a certain course(s) this semester will not negatively impact your opportunity.

You are STRONGLY encouraged to reach out to your instructor to confirm your progress in a course.

It is also HIGHLY recommended that you consult your academic advisor before making a decision about taking a course pass/fail or dropping a course. Only YOU can change your grading option on Wisar and [your advisor is available](#) to help you make a good choice.

Wishing you a successful and healthy semester!

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