



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 incase 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 you 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 Wiser and your advisor is available to help you make a good choice.

Wishing you a successful and healthy semester!

Best,
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