COVID-19 Supplement No. 1 to
UAB ACADEMIC CONTINUITY PLAN - GRADING

Grading

Effective immediately, all students in Spring 2020 courses that have not yet been completed (7-week courses were completed before Spring break) will be given the option to elect a Pass/Fail grading system. This includes courses that were to have been delivered entirely online even before the current disruption. In some circumstances instructors or programs may not be able to use the P/F system. We encourage faculty and programs to be as flexible as possible. Deans (or their designate) must approve cases where P/F is not possible and every effort must be made to communicate this information to students. For the Spring 2020 semester, any student election to use the Pass/Fail system will have to be made on or before the last day of classes, which is April 24, 2020. Pass/Fail grades may not later be changed to letter grades.

Students will be given the option of receiving a Pass grade for any course (on a course-by-course basis), by using a system to be developed in BlazerNet, that will include instructions for exercising this option. Students, faculty, and advisors will receive further information about this as soon as possible.

A Pass grade will not count toward students' grade point averages (for purposes of scholarships and otherwise), but all courses with a Pass grade will count towards curricular, major, continuation, semester hours, and graduation requirements. Any election to use the Pass/Fail system could affect eligibility for Dean's List and other academic achievement designations based solely on performance during the Spring 2020 semester. The University will include a designation on students' transcripts, indicating the extraordinary circumstances encountered in the present semester.

For Spring 2020 course work, all students who otherwise would be given an Incomplete grade will be given until the last day of the Fall 2020 semester classes to complete their work (normal rules would give until the last day of the Summer semester classes).

Note: Medical students already have a form of Pass/Fail grading, and there are currently no plans to modify this system.