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For students enrolled in IS major, BTA majors, IS minor, and IS/MGMT certificate programs:

INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPRING 2020 GRADING POLICY

Gateway Courses	Grade required under regular circumstances	Program Accepts 'Pass' in Gateway courses for Spring 2020?
IS 300	B or above	No. Accepting C or above
IS 310	B or above	No. Accepting C or above

Will the program waive a Spring 2020 class as an attempt? Yes
Will the department accept a P towards meeting major/minor/certificate requirements? Yes, except as noted below in policy
Will the department accept a P in a prereq for a course? No, except as noted below in policy.
Our policy for Spring 2020: While a grade of 'P' will be counted toward degree requirements for the IS major/BTA major/IS minor/certificates, a grade of 'P' cannot be used to satisfy a prerequisite for another course. To satisfy a prerequisite, a grade of 'C or above' will be expected. However, if the course that is serving as the prerequisite is a non-IS or non-MGMT course (e.g., ECON/MATH/ENGL/STAT course), then, we will accept a "P" grade in these courses as satisfying prerequisites. We will apply the same rule for an equivalent transferred course.

BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION SPRING 2020 GRADING POLICY

Gateway Courses	Grade required under regular circumstances	Program Accepts 'Pass' for Spring 2020?
No gateway	All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better.	See below for policy

Will the program waive a Spring 2020 class as an attempt? Yes
Will the department accept a P towards meeting major/minor/certificate requirements? Yes, except as noted below in policy
Will the department accept a P in a prereq for a course? No, except as noted below.

Our policy for Spring 2020: While a grade of 'P' will be counted toward degree requirements for the IS major/BTA major/IS minor/certificates, a grade of 'P' cannot be used to satisfy a prerequisite for another course. To satisfy a prerequisite, a grade of 'C or above' will be expected. However, if the course that is serving as the prerequisite is a non-IS or non-MGMT course (e.g., ECON/MATH/ENGL/STAT course), then, we will accept a "P" grade in these courses as satisfying prerequisites. We will apply the same rule for an equivalent transferred course.

More details on the Spring 2020 grading policy for IS major/BTA major/IS minor/IS certificates/MGMT certificates:

For Spring 2020, while a grade of 'P' will be counted toward degree requirements for the IS major/BTA major/IS minor/certificates, a grade of 'P' cannot be used to satisfy a prerequisite for another course. To satisfy a prerequisite, a grade of 'C or above' will be expected. However, if the course that is serving as the prerequisite is a non-IS or non-MGMT course (e.g., ECON/MATH/ENGL/STAT course), then, we will accept a "P" grade in these courses as satisfying prerequisites. We will apply the same rule for an equivalent transferred course.

Students can check the [undergraduate catalog](#), or see [here](#) or contact their academic advisor to learn of prerequisite requirements for a course. This policy will give maximum flexibility to graduating students.

What the above policy means for gateway courses:

Gateway: Pass(P) grade for Spring 2020 courses will not be permitted for IS gateway requirements. However, gateway requirements are being relaxed slightly for Spring 2020.

Gateway requirements: A grade of "C or above" will be accepted in IS300 and IS310 instead of a "B or above" for students taking IS300 and IS310 in Spring 2020 only. A grade of "C or above" will be expected in IS147. A grade of 'P' will be accepted for MATH155 for gateway.

Gateway attempts: The maximum of two attempts limit in gateway courses of IS300 and IS310 is being relaxed for the Spring 2020 semester only. Earning a grade of 'D', 'P', 'F' or 'W' in Spring 2020 will not count as an attempt for IS300 and IS310.

Incomplete ('I') grades: If a student is impacted by COVID-19 (e.g., if they fall sick or if a family member falls sick) in Spring 2020, they are strongly encouraged to reach out to their instructor(s) to request an Incomplete ("I") grade in the course. The Incomplete grade gives students the ability to complete the requirements of the course after the semester has ended within a decided timeframe. More information on Incomplete grade can be found here:

<https://catalog.umbc.edu/content.php?catoid=22&navoid=1272&hl=incomplete&returnto=search>

Internship courses: If you are taking the academic credit course for an internship in Spring 2020 and your internship experience is cut short or hampered due to the COVID19 shutdown, please reach out to the instructor of the course for guidance on how to proceed. Consistent with the Provost's note, flexible options will be presented to students.

How to change grade to a 'P' in Spring'20: According to [UMBC's Spring 2020 Grading Method policies](#), you will be allowed to change a passing letter grade to P after your letter grades are made available at the end of the semester. You can change your grade until June 10, 2020. You do not need to change your grade right now. You are encouraged to wait until May 27, 2020 when Spring'20 grades will be posted, before making a change. **If you want to**

change your grade to a 'Pass', we strongly suggest you first discuss with your IS academic advisor. Then, you can submit a request to the [Academic Success Center](#) to make the grade change.

How to find out who is your academic advisor: To find out who your advisor is, look at *myUMBC*, under *Advising and Student Support*, the *My Advisors* link. If no one is listed at that link, then contact Mr. Sponaule (rspona1@umbc.edu).

Please recognize that it is possible that you may find that P grades will not be acceptable for whatever postgraduate training program you might want to apply for in the future. If you receive a letter grade normally deemed appropriate for these programs it may be in your interest not to change it to P.

For other program's courses, please check with the instructors or representatives of those programs before making the decision to take their courses as P/F.

All COEIT departments recognized that it was in the interest of all students to be given options during these trying times. These changes to grading policy are only in operation for the Spring'20 semester, and we will revert to the normal policy for subsequent semesters and summer sessions.

If you have any questions about this policy, please contact your academic advisor or Dr. Sreedevi Sampath (sampath@umbc.edu).