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(sent on behalf of Professor Natasha Schüll)

#### Dear MCC Students,

As Director of Undergraduate Studies in MCC, I am writing to confirm that this semester the department will allow you to take core courses (MCC-UE 1, 3, 14) and any other major requirements (area of study courses, senior media seminars) on a **P/F basis.** Please see the links below and accompanying attachment from Dean Morris for more details on this change of policy for Spring 2020.

That said, I do want to encourage students to continue taking their classes for letter grades — which is a typically better decision with respect to your GPAs, for making the Dean's list (or staying on it), and overall will aid your academic progress. Please know that in light of recent events our faculty have revised their expectations both of their own teaching and of your performance, so you should <u>not</u> assume that you will perform below your typical grades! Those of you who were doing fine, well, or great in their courses should expect to continue to do fine, well, and great — and should not rush to switch to the P/F option. At the very least, I suggest that you wait until May to make this decision.

For those in core courses: If you elect to take 001, 003, or 0014 on a P/F basis, a final grade of P will count as a fulfillment of the requirement; if you decide to continue with a letter grade, any grade above passing would fulfill the requirement (in other words, we will be waiving the requirement to earn a minimum grade of B-.

Wishing you all the best for the remainder of this challenging semester,

Professor Natasha Schüll MCC Director of Undergraduate Studies

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## From the Office of the Dean

- Have questions about the pass/fail extension?
  - You have the option to take as many of your current courses pass/fail as you want this semester; work with your advisor on completing the Pass/Fail Form before Tuesday, May 12 (please note, global site deadlines vary).
  - Visit the NYU Steinhardt Spring 2020 Pass/Fail FAQ for more information.
- Want additional support for your learning?
  - The Student Remote Readiness Guide has technical, academic, and general resources, study strategies, and points of contact (updated on an ongoing basis).
- What's going on within the student community?
  - RSVP for the Town Hall on Friday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. EDT and share your questions in advance with USG and GSO leaders. I will provide an update on how COVID-19 has impacted our community.
- Looking for the latest on fieldwork?
  - The Fieldwork, Internships, Clinical Placements, and Student Teaching page includes updates for undergraduate and graduate students.
- What services are still available from the library?
  - NYU Libraries offers a suite of tools and resources to support your remote work.

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# SPRING 2020 TERM ONLY Pass/Fail Option

#### Student Information

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First Name	Last Name	ID Number
Department	Program	Email Address

### Instructions:

 Complete all the information required and email it to your advisor. Your advisor will forward it to Steinhardt Registration to change the grading basis in Albert to show that you have chosen to take the course(s) below as pass/fail.

#### Information:

- The deadline to submit (or rescind) a request will be TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020
- Only matriculated students may request a pass/fail grade
- If you wish to rescind your request, you must do so before TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 by sending an email to steinhardt-registration-and-advisement-group@nyu.edu
- A 'P' grade is not counted in your GPA
- An 'F' grade will be counted in your GPA.
- Undergraduates must complete at least 64 units toward the degree in letter grades (not pass/fail) in residence at NYU to qualify for Latin honors
- To view a P/F Grade Option, open your Albert Student Center Home page and on the bottom right, select Weekly Schedule. Change to List View, select the Term and the Grading Basis will be listed for each class.

Subject Area Ex: MCC-UE	Catalog # Ex: 1234	Section # Ex: 001	Class # (Number in Parentheses)	Units Ex: 4

By signing below, I confirm that I have read all the information on this form.

Student Signature	Date	Print Advisor Name	Date
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