

Dear Carson Cougs,

We hope you are all safe and healthy! Last week the Provost sent an [email informing students of the Pass/Fail option for Spring 2020](#). We understand the challenges that you are going through and how it could impact your spring grades. Because of this the Carson College has also made a few changes to help students during these times. Before I explain these, I want to give you a few important tips:

- **Attend all of your classes and try your best.** Whether you chose the Pass/Fail option or not, it is very important that you continue to attend class and work hard. The classes you are taking now build your foundation for success in future classes.
- **Use your online resources.** The [Registrar's Office](#) website provides information about the Covid-19 grading, deadlines, and instructions. The [Carson College](#) website also include additional guidance to help you navigate this semester.
- **Talk to your Advisor.** Carson College advisors are meeting with students through Zoom, by email, and by phone. So, if you haven't done so yet, schedule an appointment with your advisor, especially if you plan to register for Summer or Fall classes.

In response to the Provost's announcement of the Pass/Fail option, you should know how this, and the additional Carson College changes, impact you and your business major or minor requirements. Here are a few things you should know:

1. Read the [Pass/Fail Grading information](#) on the Registrar's Office website. This explains how this grading option works and how grades affect your GPA (or not).
2. **All business classes can be taken using Pass/Fail option during Spring 2020 only.** This includes all classes with the prefixes of ACCTG, B\_A, BLAW, ENTRP, FIN, HBM, I\_BUS, MGMT, MGTOP, MIS and MKTG (100 to 400-level classes only).
3. **For students who were on a Spring semester study abroad taking courses from another university,** WSU cannot change the grades from another university. Thus, the pass-fail option is not available for such courses, unless that university provides it.
4. **For graduation purposes, Carson College majors and minors** are allowed to use courses with a **P or PP grade from Spring 2020**, to satisfy graduation requirements. Please remember, P and PP grades do not affect your GPA. For those of you worried about meeting the minimum 2.50 GPA needed to graduate, the Carson College will be **reducing the minimum GPA required to graduate from 2.50 to 2.30** for Spring 2020 and Summer 2020 graduates only.
5. **For admission/certification into the Carson College of Business,** the following changes have been made:

- a. **If you started in Fall 2019 or you are on the new business curriculum**, you must earn either a “P” or a letter grade of “C” or better in all required admission courses (BA 100, HBM 101, BA 102, Math 201, ECONS 102 or 102). The **minimum GPA of 2.50 needed to be admitted will be reduced to 2.40** for students who are admitted by the end of Fall 2020.
  
- b. **If you started before Fall 2019 or you are on the previous business curriculum**, the **minimum GPA of 2.50 needed to be admitted will be reduced to 2.40** for students who are admitted by the end of Fall 2020.

Remember, you have until June 1, 2020 to decide if you would like to switch any of your spring classes to Pass/Fail grading. Before making your decision, please review the [online academic advising information](#) regarding Pass/Fail grading. More academic advising information will be added to this website in the next few days. If you have questions, please see your academic advisor, who can work with you to determine your best course of action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chip Hunter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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