

MEMORANDUM

March 20, 2020

To: Ian Baucom, Dean, College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
Scott C. Beardsley, Dean, Darden School of Business
Craig Benson, Dean, School of Engineering and Applied Science
Ila Berman, Dean, School of Architecture
Phil Bourne, Dean, School of Data Science
Pam Cipriano, Dean, School of Nursing
Risa L. Goluboff, Dean, School of Law
Alex Hernandez, Dean, School of Continuing and Professional Studies
Bob Pianta, Dean, Curry School of Education and Human Development
Ian Solomon, Dean, Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy
David Wilkes, Dean, School of Medicine
Carl Zeithaml, Dean, McIntire School of Commerce

From: Liz Magill, Provost

Cc: President Ryan

Re: Spring 2020 Grading Policy for Graduate and Professional Students

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I write to follow up on my message to all faculty, students, and staff from March 18 related to grading policies for undergraduate students.

This message provides direction on how we will handle grading for **graduate and professional students** for the spring 2020 semester. **Nine graduate and professional schools** (School of Architecture, the Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the Curry School of Education and Human Development, the Darden School of Business, the School of Data Science, the School of Engineering and Applied Science, the McIntire School of Commerce, and the School of Nursing) will essentially follow the approach for undergraduate schools, as outlined below.

Information for **three graduate and professional schools** (School of Medicine, School of Law, School of Continuing and Professional Studies) follows below.

For the **nine graduate and professional schools referenced above (in short form: Architecture, Batten, Arts & Sciences, Curry, Darden, SDS, Engineering, McIntire, and Nursing)**, the following policy will apply:

- Credit/no-credit (CR/NC) will be the default grading system for graduate and professional students in all courses where the work is not yet completed.
- Graduate students, including masters and PhD students, will have the option to choose letter grades on a course by course basis up to the last day of classes for the spring semester or the final day of the spring or summer modules.
- Each school will inform their students of the process for selecting letter grades instead of credit/no-credit and the specific school requirements for credit.
- UVA will include a designation on students' transcripts to indicate that the CR/NC option was created in the midst of an extraordinary crisis and as part of the University's effort to manage the transition to online instruction.

For the **three graduate and professional schools** referenced above (**in short form, Medicine, Law, SCPS**), they have or are developing their own policies and, if they have not already, the school dean or graduate program will announce them in the following week.

I am grateful for the resilience of all our students across the disciplines as well as enormous effort by staff and faculty that has gone into the transition of courses online. We will get through this difficult period, together.