Dear Students,

For the spring 2020 semester, Bloomsburg University will offer our students expanded options with regard to how your grades are recorded on your transcript due to the academic disruptions caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic. We know you’ve had a lot of questions, and we have been working hard to develop a policy and procedure that is fair and equitable.

- You will receive your official letter grade for each course at the end of the semester just as you usually would.
- You will, then, have 3 weeks to review your grades and decide for each course whether it is in your best interest to keep the letter grade that you have earned or opt to have your grade for that course changed to simply indicate pass/fail. In the case of the pass/fail option, a pass means that you passed the course and earned the credits but the letter grade you earned will not have an impact on your GPA. In the case of a failed course, you do not earn the credits, but the F does not become factored into your GPA. **The deadline to make your decision is June 1, 2020.**

There are some important points to consider, one of which relates to your semester and cumulative grade point averages.

- For example, you might earn 2 As, a B, 2 Cs, and a D. That would give you a 2.66 GPA for the semester. If you opted to take a P instead of the D, that would give you a 3.0 for the semester.
- You will also need to consider your overall GPA. If you currently have a 4.0, you may consider electing to take Ps for everything below an A so that you maintain your 4.0. If you currently have a 2.5, you would want to consider taking a P for the Cs and the D.
- You can use the GPA calculator linked below to help you determine the best choices for you and you can also consult with your advisor. [http://intranet.bloomu.edu/documents/academics/pass-fail-calculator.xlsx](http://intranet.bloomu.edu/documents/academics/pass-fail-calculator.xlsx)

Please be advised that certain courses will not be able to be converted to pass/fail or will require review by your advisor. A complete list of the courses and programs to which this applies will be available on the registrar’s web page soon.

- Certain programs require a C in specific courses to move forward in the program. Advisors will review the posted grade to determine forward progress in those majors.
- Some programs or courses cannot utilize pass fail options due to accreditation guidelines.
- Do keep in mind that one of your courses being excluded from the pass/fail option does not mean that all of your courses are.

There will be a notation on your transcript that states “COVID-19 – grading flexibility in place” as a reminder to anyone viewing the transcript in the future that Spring 2020 was an unusual semester.

There will also be a 3-year window within which students can choose to reverse their decision to exercise the pass/fail option.