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A Message Regarding the Pass/Fail Policy

We understand this is a difficult, disconcerting, and unprecedented time for all of us. With many of our lives drastically changed in this last month, your Student Government has taken the necessary steps to adjust and act accordingly to respond to the immediate needs of our student body.

For those concerned about how the election of Pass/Fail courses might affect future opportunities, please read the Registrar's statement on the Pass/Fail Policy for Spring 2020 here.

For those looking for guidance on Pass/Fail and Fellowship or Graduate School plans, please read the University of Research and Fellowship Office's advice here.

Below are answers to Frequently Asked Questions from a few different university offices and colleges regarding the Spring 2020 Pass/Fail Policy:

- D'Amore-McKim School of Business

- Khoury College of Computer Sciences

- [College of Social Science and Humanities](#)

- [Pre-Med and Pre-Health Advising](#)

Both the DMSB and CSSH pages have general information for students in any college to receive some answers to questions regarding COVID-19 and Pass/Fail. Additionally, the form to elect courses Pass/Fail can be found [here](#)or on the Registrar's website. Please note, however, this Pass/Fail Policy will not be applied to courses taken in Summer I or Summer II. With all this said, the Student Government has received a considerable number of concerns and is aware of circulating student petitions ([P/F for ALL SP20 Petition](#) and [Deadline Extended for P/F Petition](#)) to further expand the current Pass/Fail Policy.

While the implications of the current Pass/Fail Policy may be substantial for some, others feel that these changes are not enough. SGA is suggesting two changes to the existing policy:

1. Extend the current deadline for students to select pass/fail courses to a date after final grades are released to students

2. Expand the University's Pass/Fail Policy to encompass all courses that a student is taking during the Spring 2020 semester

If you have concerns about the limitations of the current policy, please reach out to the [Provost's Office](#). If you would like to read more about SGA's proposed policy, you can find it [here](#).

As you may know, we have gone to great lengths to get this message to you. We believe that this is an important issue for many of you and that the student body deserves to know both the implications of this policy and the actions you can take to raise your concerns. As always, please feel free to continue raising any and all concerns regarding COVID-19 and more with your Student Government, as we are continuing to voice these concerns to Northeastern Administration. You can always submit a [feedback form](#) or email us at sga@neu.edu.

Yours truly,

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