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Subject: S/NC Grading Policy for Undergraduates Reminder

Dear Colleagues,

..want to highlight a few points per the Provost's Office guidance regarding the S/NC grading policy for undergraduates for the spring 2020 term.

- Dietrich School and CGS students received information regarding the process and specific instructions to request a change from letter grade to S/NC.
- A student who does satisfactory work in a course (a grade of C or better) would receive an S (Satisfactory) grade.
- A student whose work is not satisfactory in a course (a grade of C- or lower) would receive an NC (No Credit) grade.
- Courses for which an S grade is earned will count towards graduation/degree requirements and satisfy future course prerequisites but are not computed in the GPA.
- Courses for which an NC grade is earned will not count toward graduation/degree requirements nor fulfill course prerequisites

In particular, I draw your attention to the requirement that all Satisfactory (S) grades earned this term will count toward graduation and degree requirements, which includes all major, certificate, and minor requirements. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- A student earns a B in SPAN 0104, converts it to an S, and wants to declare a Spanish major or Spanish minor, which typically requires a B+ or higher grade. The student will be able to use the S to declare the Spanish major/minor.
- A student pursuing a Psychology major elects to convert letter grades earned in PSY 0310 and STAT 1000 this term to S and is using both courses toward the major. The student will be permitted to do so, even though the department typically requires all PSY and STAT courses used to fulfill major requirements to be taken for a letter grade.
- A student earns a C+ in MATH 0120, converts it to an S, and plans to use MATH 0120 toward the Economics major, which typically requires a grade of B or higher. The student will be able to use the S toward the ECON major.

Additional information is available on the Provost's Office webpage at

<https://www.personaled.pitt.edu/snc-policy-students>.