

March 29, 2020

To: Students, Faculty, Staff, and Deans

From: Barbara Krauthamer, Senior Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School  
Carol Barr, Senior Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education

RE: Clarifications regarding Pass/Fail and Satisfactory grading options in Spring 2020

The following clarifications have been reviewed and approved by the Faculty Senate Rules Committee, the University Registrar, and the Graduate School dean and the associate registrar.

Graduate School policies that restrict the usage of SAT courses for a Master's degree will be suspended for the Spring 2020 semester. Graduate students and undergraduates enrolled in graduate level courses have until the last day of classes (April 29, 2020) to request a SAT in lieu of a letter grade.

**Undergraduates enrolled in 600+ level courses**

The grading for all 600+ level courses will follow the Graduate School's grading scale for graduate courses. Students, graduate and undergraduate, must earn a C or better to receive a passing/SAT grade. Students, graduate and undergraduate, who earn a C- or below will receive a failing/F letter grade.

**Undergraduates enrolled in 500 level courses**

Undergraduates enrolled in 500 level courses will be graded following the standard undergraduate letter grade scale, including P/F.

Graduate students enrolled in 500 level courses, will be graded following the standard graduate letter grade scale, including SAT.

Undergraduates who are enrolled in Spring 2020 600+ level courses and receive a grade of SAT may transfer those courses into a UMASS Master's degree program in the future.

Undergraduates who are enrolled in Spring 2020 500 level courses and receive a grade of P (Pass) must have an underlying letter grade of C or better in order to transfer the course to a UMASS Master's degree program.

When deciding whether to opt for the SAT grade this semester, all students and faculty are strongly encouraged to discuss any questions or concerns related to disciplinary-specific accreditation or licensure requirements. Questions about professional accreditation and licensure should be directed to the appropriate accrediting associations for guidance.