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SUBJECT: Pass/No Pass Changes for Spring 2020

We are writing to provide an update regarding our department's policies for grading options. Please carefully read to ensure you are aware of all changes.

Data Science Major and Minor:

- **For the Spring 2020 quarter ONLY, Data Science major and Data Science minor requirements may be taken on a Pass/No Pass basis without penalty.** Students will still have the option to take courses required for the major or required for the minor for a Letter Grade.

Data Science Capped Major Application:

- The next capped major application cycle will be postponed to the Fall Quarter. Students planning to apply in the Spring who are in their 6th quarter should contact the department directly. Summer quarters do not apply to the "6th quarter" count for eligibility.
- The Data Science department will allow **one** screening course taken during the Spring 2020 quarter to be taken as P/NP. Students who take one of the screening courses as P/NP during the Spring quarter *must complete the other two screening courses for a letter grade*. This will apply only to a screening course taken during the Spring 2020 quarter. As a reminder, screening courses are Math 18/31AH, Math 20C/31BH, and DSC 10.

Campuswide Changes:

- P/NP grades taken during the Spring 2020 quarter will not count towards the 25% cap on P/NP (P/NP courses will be removed from both the numerator and denominator in this calculation).
- The add deadline is extended to the end of Week 3.
- The deadline to drop without a W is extended to the end of Week 5.
- The deadline to drop with a W is extended to the end of Week 7.
- **The deadline to change your grading option is extended to the end of Week 10.**

Students should consider whether or not P/NP grades will negatively affect any financial aid, VA benefits, scholarships, graduate school applications, job applications, etc before deciding to take a class P/NP.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the Data Science Academic Advisors through the Virtual Advising Center.

Best,

Data Science Department Chairs