April 7, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Spring 2020 Withdrawal Option and Alternative Grading Updates for Graduate Courses

Dear Graduate Students:

In partnership with academic units, the Office of the University Registrar, Office of Graduate Life, Faculty Senate and GAPSA representatives, the Graduate Council has approved the following changes for graduate students for this spring 2020 semester:

- Students may withdraw from any graduate courses in which they are enrolled in Spring 2020 by the specific deadlines found here. These withdrawals will appear with the notation "XW" on their official transcript.
- Students enrolled in graduate courses will be permitted to change to an alternative grading option until the end of term, May 20, 2020*.

*The end of term deadline may vary based on the degree program.

To ensure graduate students make the best selection for themselves and maximize their potential for long-term academic and professional success, it is critical that:

- Graduate students seek advising and guidance from their advisor, mentor and/or coordinator prior to making any decision about making any of these changes.
- Graduate students determine the impact electing an alternative grading option may have on financial aid, licensure, admission to professional programs, scholarships, fellowships, among others.

For more important and related information, visit the [Graduate Education - Spring 2020 Alternative Grading Options for graduate students](#) and the [Office of the University Registrar - Spring 2020 Grading Options](#) webpages.

We thank all of you for your patience and efforts with adapting to the ongoing changes.

Sincerely,

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