Date: Monday, March 30, 2020  
To: Austin College Students  
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In light of the disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the Office of Academic Affairs has issued the following **Temporary Emergency Grading Accommodation for the Spring 2020 Semester**:

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- Students will be allowed to **designate a maximum of 2 S/D/U courses** this semester. The deadline for designating a course S/D/U is 5:00 pm on Monday, May 4.
- Consistent with existing policy, an undergraduate student who earns a grade of C- or higher will receive a grade of S for the course.
- A grade of “S” will not count towards the GPA calculation, but grades of “D” and “U” grade will be calculated toward the GPA.
- The prohibition on taking a course that is a breadth/discover requirement as S/D/U is suspended for Spring 2020. A student can elect to take any such courses as S/D/U without impacting their completion of the requirement.
- None of the courses taken S/D/U this semester will count towards the College’s maximum four-course limit on the total number of courses that can be taken S/D/U for credit towards a degree.
- S/D/U declarations need mentor approval but not approval of the instructor of the course.
- The Office of Financial Aid will be sending out information soon about how the policy may impact financial aid. Students who receive federal and/or state financial aid should consult with the Office of Financial Aid.
- Departments and programs determine whether S/D/U can replace letter grades for major/minor course requirements. Students must check with the department chair(s)/program director(s) of their major(s)/minor(s) for clarification of a particular program’s policy.
- Students considering graduate/professional school (e.g., pre-health, law, discipline specific graduate or Gateways pre-requisite courses) should NOT take courses S/D/U that will be required for admission. Please consult with your mentor for guidance.
- If you have questions about your Academic Standing, please consult with your mentor.
- Given this grading change for Spring 2020, Dean’s List will not be notated on student records.
- Given this grading change for Spring 2020, Academic Standing will not be calculated.
- Austin College will include a transcript note on all academic records, regardless of grading basis, notating the global public health emergency during Spring 2020.

The deadline to drop a course without a grade has been extended until April 3. The deadline to change a grading system has been extended until May 4. Additionally, the deadline to drop a course with a W has been extended until April 24.

**Academic Calendar Updates:**

- April 3 – Last day to drop a course without a grade  
- April 6-17 – Advising Weeks  
- April 20-23 – Fall and Summer Terms registration  
- April 24 – Last day to drop a course with a W  
- May 4 – Last day to change grading system (S/D/U)  
- May 5-7 – January Term Registration  
- May 8 – **Classes end**  
- May 11 – Final Examinations begin

- May 13 – Reading Day  
- May 15 – Final Examinations and Spring Term ends at 5 p.m.  
- May 16 – Senior Grades due by 12 p.m. (Faculty)  
- May 17 – Planned Commencement  
- May 21 – Spring Term Grades and previous term Incompletes Grades due 12 p.m. (Faculty)