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Dear Lynn University students,

We understand that this pandemic is disruptive for you and your families. Like other students across the country, you've been managing many changes all at once: moving back home; juggling new online assignments; taking care of family members. We want to help keep you on track to reach your goals and take care of yourself both personally and academically.

To alleviate some of your stress during this time of uncertainty, Lynn is offering you the option to take your spring 2020 semester classes with a pass/no pass grade. You will have the option to select within each course in Canvas whether you would like a pass/no pass grade or a traditional letter grade. The default will be a traditional letter grade. A course graded pass/no pass will not affect your GPA in either direction.

- If you are a day graduate or day undergraduate student, you will receive notification from Canvas to select your option during the week of April 26. Your deadline is end of day May 1.
- If you are an online graduate or online undergraduate student, you will receive notification from Canvas to select your option during the week of April 12. Your deadline is end of day April 17.

Before making your choice, we encourage you to carefully consider the following:

- **Impact on federal financial aid** – Federal aid recipients must complete at least 67% of attempted credits. A no pass grade will impact your completion rate because it will be counted as a non-completed course. To continue receiving federal student aid or GI Bill benefits, you need to continue to make satisfactory [academic progress](#). Contact [Student Financial Services](#) at +1 561-237-7185 to talk with a counselor about your aid.
- **Implications for academic probation** – Students on academic probation who choose the pass/no pass option will remain on academic probation for the fall semester. If a pass grade is used to replace a previous failing letter grade, it may be harder to raise your GPA above 2.0 in the fall term to get off probation. If this applies to you, please contact [Academic Advising](#) at +1 561-237-7320.

- **Requirements for scholarships or tuition reimbursement plans** – Employers and scholarship providers often require a minimum letter grade in all courses. Contact your organization to discuss requirements and eligibility.
- **NCAA grading scales** – Student-athletes may be subject to [NCAA eligibility rules](#). Contact Deputy Director of Athletics [Angela Jabir](#) at +1 561-237-7703 to determine what applies to you.
- **Transfer to other institutions** – Not all colleges will accept transfer credits from courses with a pass grade. If you plan to transfer to another institution, make sure you understand their transfer policy.
- **Graduate school applications** – If you plan to apply to another institution for graduate school, they may not accept a pass grade for prerequisites. If you choose to earn your graduate degree at Lynn, we will accept pass grades for your prerequisites.

We know the strain of this global crisis is trying. We hope giving you this option will help ease some of the stress you've faced during this time. As always, academic advisors and financial aid counselors are available to offer guidance and help address your questions or concerns. Please also continue to check lynn.edu/alert for regular updates and answers to [frequently asked questions](#).

Sincerely,

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