April 17, 2020

Dear Students:

We hope that you are all healthy and safe during these challenging times.

We are writing to announce that if you are majoring in Economics or Business Economics, you may choose to take upper division Economics Electives, Management Electives, EngComp 131B (for Business Economics) and Economics 5 (College Diversity requirement and Foundations of Society and Culture GE) on either a letter grade or a Pass/No Pass basis in Spring Quarter 2020. We expect this policy to be in effect for Summer Session A 2020, but we are awaiting final approval. This change is temporary as part of UCLA’s Covid-19 response.

If taken on a P/NP basis in Spring Quarter 2020, these courses may still be applied toward the Economics or the Business Economics major. Please refer to the list of eligible courses below.

You have until the last day of classes (June 5, 2020) to make a decision on the grading basis for each course. You may elect different options for different courses. You may also drop a course until the last day of classes. This applies to both Impacted and non-Impacted courses.

If you choose the P/NP option, you must earn a grade of P (which, per UCLA regulations, requires a grade of C or higher) to earn units and to satisfy a major requirement.

Students already in or planning to apply for Math-Econ should check with the Math Department counselors at ugrad@math.ucla.edu to ask if P/NP grading will be allowed. Our understanding is that all courses for the Math-Econ major must be taken for a letter grade.

Students already in or planning to apply for the Minor in Accounting should check with Maria Cuevas, the counselor for the Minor, at accounting.minor@anderson.ucla.edu to ask if P/NP grading will be allowed. Our understanding is that all courses for the Minor in Accounting must be taken for a letter grade.

Students already in or planning to apply for the Minor in Entrepreneurship should check with the counselor for the Minor, Janel Munguia, who can be reached via the MyUCLA Message Center. Our understanding is that courses taken for the Minor in Entrepreneurship must be taken for a letter grade.

PLEASE PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE DETAILS BELOW.

The Economics Electives that are offered in Spring Quarter 2020 that are eligible to be taken on a P/NP basis are: Econ 106F/106FB, 106G/106GL, 106M/106ML, 106T/106TL, 107, 113, 122, 134, 143, 144, 160, 165, and 170.

Management Electives from the pre-approved list for the Economics and Business Economics majors and EngComp 131B for Bus Econ may also be taken on a P/NP basis. (Mgmt 160-series courses are set up as mandatory letter grade.)

For courses with both lecture and lab components (106F/106FB, 106G/106GL, 106M/106ML, 106T/106TL), you must select the same grading basis for each course (either both letter grades or both P/NP).
Econ 173B and Econ 187 may not be taken on a P/NP basis even though they satisfy upper division Economics Electives.

If you choose the P/NP option for an upper division Econ or Mgmt Elective, the course in which you earned a P will not show up automatically under your major on your Degree Audit Report (DAR). You will need to submit a request to the Department of Economics undergraduate counseling office to have your DAR updated once your Spring Quarter grades are posted.

The following courses are NOT eligible to be taken on a P/NP basis if you intend to major in Economics or Business Economics: Econ 1, 2, 11, 41, 101, 102, and 103/103L; Math 31A, 31B; Mgmt 1A, 1B; and the Writing II course for the Econ and Bus Econ pre-majors.

Additional Sources of Information:
For information regarding how grades of P/NP might impact other requirements at UCLA and further issues to consider when making your decision, please go to: https://cac.ucla.edu/academic-policies/grading-repeats/

If you have additional questions about these policies, please contact your general College counseling unit (CAC, Honors, AAP, or Athletics) or the school of your primary major (if your primary major is not housed under the College of Letters and Science). College/School advising office information can be found at: https://www.registrar.ucla.edu/Academics/Academic-Counseling

We recommend that you consult with a counselor about how taking a course on a P/NP basis might affect you in particular. Be aware that although the Department of Economics is providing the P/NP option, it might not be the best option for all students.

For information regarding how grades of P/NP might impact applications for graduate school, employment, or other opportunities, please contact the UCLA Career Center at www.career.ucla.edu

For information specific to the Economics and Business Economics majors, please check our FAQs at https://economics.ucla.edu/undergraduate/current-students/faq/

You may also contact the Department of Economics undergraduate counselors through the MyUCLA Message Center: https://economics.ucla.edu/undergraduate/contact-us/message-center/

We encourage you to think carefully about your decision about your grading basis decision for each course. Remember, you have until June 5, 2020 to make a selection. Take the time to choose the option that is best for you.

Thank you.

Undergraduate Counselors
UCLA Department of Economics
https://economics.ucla.edu/undergraduate/contact-us/