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1. ISSS Office Updates and Announcements

University S/U Grading Options and Withdrawal Deadline Extension

The University has updated the policy for S/U grading and extended the withdrawal deadline for this term. However, please note that as a F-1 and J-1 student these changes do not change the full-time registration requirement. To maintain student status, F-1 and J-1 students must maintain full-time registration (12 credits for undergraduate and 9 credits for graduate students) or be on an approved reduced course load.

Grading policy updates are below:

S/U Grading Options

All undergraduate students at UAlbany may choose to take their courses Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) for the Spring 2020 semester.

Guidelines for S/U option:

- Undergraduate students will be permitted to choose the S/U grading option for any Spring 2020 semester course, including upper division courses.
- Limits on the number of courses and the total credit hours taken for S/U grades will be suspended for the Spring 2020 semester only.
- Some courses may NOT be available for S/U opting if they are essential for accreditation or licensure. Advisors and your faculty will identify if you have selected one of these courses.
- Students will have until May 1, 2020 to elect the S/U grade option for any course or return to A-E grading.
- To make this change, we will post an online form (coming soon) and once you submit your request, an advisor will reach out to you with additional information to finalize the changes.
- Please familiarize yourself with the current undergraduate S/U policy for future semesters.

Dropping a Semester Length Course (“W” assigned)

For all undergraduate and graduate students, the date to drop a semester length course (“W” assigned) will be extended to May 1, 2020.

We encourage all students to speak with their advisor before dropping a course to review potential academic and financial aid implications as there may be significant impact to your current and future aid if you decide to withdraw from classes at this point.
Instructions for Students Departing the U.S.

Before departing the U.S., please carefully read the updates on our homepage. In particular, please follow steps 1-4 under Travel Updates: https://www.albany.edu/iss/index.php

2. University Updates and Events

University Libraries

For more update changes, please click here

Hours
Moving to a completely virtual operation but continue to serve the UAlbany community with research assistance, electronic resources and more.

Library policies adjustment
The University Libraries is no longer circulating library books, media and equipment. Returning library materials

No returns accepted at the circulation desk.
Recalls are suspended
Recall services were disabled, but library borrowers can continue to request materials using the Libraries’ search tool or ILLiad.

Overdue fines
The Libraries will not charge overdue fines and will delay lost material invoicing to allow library borrowers extra time to return materials.

Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Services
Circulation of physical materials is currently suspended, including via ILL. Electronic delivery for articles and book chapters will continue to be available.
Electronic Reserves services are available
Book chapters and journal articles available online, here is the link
Equipment Lending
The Libraries have stopped lending all equipment, including equipment available in the IMC.

Career Services Doing Appointments Through Handshake
Career Services staff are available for remote advisement through Handshake. For more information, view their website here: https://www.albany.edu/career/

3. Virtual Social or Cultural Activity

British Museum, London
To visit, here is the link

Guggenheim Museum, New York
To visit, here is the link

Virtual Live Concerts from Artists
See if your favorite musician has done a virtual concert: https://www.insider.com/live-private-concerts-coronavirus-watch-online-music-streaming-2020-3