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Cc: Graduate School faculty

Dear graduate students,

As we prepare to return to classes next week, I know many of you will have questions about academic accommodations and temporary policy changes we are able to make, given the unprecedented nature of the current situation.

Coursework

We expect coursework to be able to continue remotely. We very much hope that students will be able to receive credit for the work they have done to date, and to that end, we are offering the following accommodations:

- **Grading mode:** Students enrolled in spring 2020 courses graded on the H, HP, P, F scale may convert the grading mode to SAT/UNSAT by submitting a request form (available soon) by the last day of the exam period, May 6, 2020. When grades of SAT are assigned to these courses, they will count towards the degree requirements. As per typical Graduate School requirements, students must still meet the Honors requirement by achieving a grade of “H” in at least one full-year or two full-term graduate courses by the end of their fourth term of study.
- **Temporary incompletes:** We are increasing the number of Temporary Incompletes (TIs) permitted per term from one to as many as each student requests. These temporary incompletes may also be

graded in the SAT/UNSAT mode. To assign a grade of TI, instructors must submit a Request for [Temporary Incomplete Form](#), so please inform your faculty member if you intend to take a TI. We encourage students to complete any TIs as soon as possible. The deadline for instructors to convert a TI to a grade remains October 1, 2020.

- Withdrawal from courses: We are extending the deadline by which students may withdraw from courses without incurring a “W” on the transcript from March 6th to the last day of final exams, May 6, 2020. To withdraw from a course, please submit a completed [Course Schedule Change Form](#).

Comprehensive and oral exams

We expect all exams to be able to proceed remotely and as scheduled. If an exam cannot be conducted remotely and on schedule, it may be delayed into the summer or the fall term of 2020, without penalty.

Participation in the Teaching Fellow Program

Teaching fellows should be able to conduct all of their work remotely. Even if you cannot perform your teaching duties remotely, you will continue to receive your stipend. If you are currently a teaching fellow, you will have received a set of [FAQs](#) on March 19 that should answer your most pressing pedagogical questions.

Research

We understand that many of you will experience profound disruptions to your research. Please consult with your adviser and your committee about strategies for mitigating the delays. It is too early in the pandemic to know how long such disruptions will persist. The Graduate School is considering how best to help students through the disruptions. We will share additional information as soon as we know more.

Dissertation submission

The dissertation submission deadline for spring 2020 was extended from March 16 to March 20 through an electronic submission process.

Dissertation defenses

Those of you in programs that require dissertation defenses may conduct them remotely or delay them if necessary.

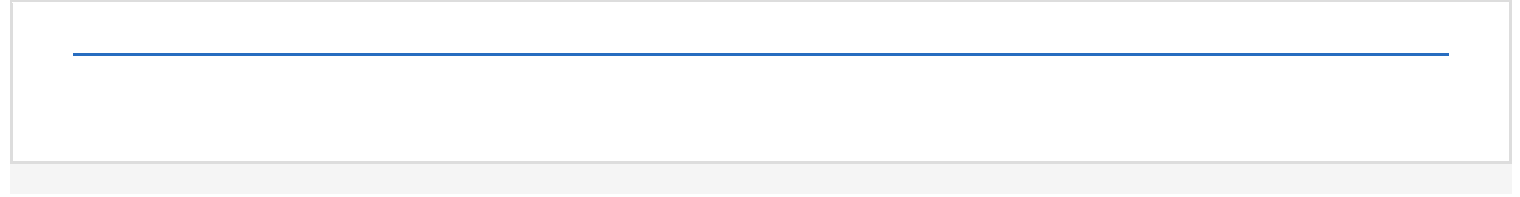
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