



**A Message from UHD Provost Dr. Eric Link - University Approves Interim Grading Policy**

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Dear Gators,

These are unprecedented times, and UHD is working for you to help mitigate the new challenges we each face as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We know that many UHD students suddenly find themselves taking online classes while balancing all of the difficulties associated with stay-at-home orders, financial pressures, and more. Even finding items at grocery stores can be an adventure right now.

In order to respond to some of these new challenges, UHD is implementing an [Interim Grading Option](#) for students. This grading option was developed jointly by the UHD Faculty Senate, the Student Government Association, UHD leadership, and was refined with feedback from across colleges and departments. It truly was a communal effort—and represents what we can accomplish when we pull together as a Gator family.

This interim alternative grading option will allow each student this semester to choose to switch from traditional letter grades to Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grades on a course by course basis. This option applies to any grades earned in the spring 2020 full term or the spring part-of-term 2.

The University of Houston Downtown has provided this alternative grading option in order to allow students the opportunity to focus on learning and to successfully complete the semester under the exceptional circumstances that we all find ourselves right now, without compromising academic rigor or integrity.

Together, we can do this. Go Gators!

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