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**Update on Flexibilities and Course Planning for Spring 2022, Summer Sessions 2022, and Fall 2022
Sent to Academic Senate and Academic Federation Members**

Dear Colleagues,

I write to update you on several items, organized below by quarter. Please be sure to read all the way through fall. This information is also available on the Academic Senate's [COVID-19 webpage](#).

Once more, we are gradually returning to in-person instruction. It will take time and effort to fully get there. To ease the transition, the Academic Senate has continued a few flexibilities for spring quarter and Summer Sessions, eyeing fall quarter for sunsetting all flexibilities and emergency remote instruction.

Spring 2022

- As outlined in the [letter from Vice Provost Phil Kass](#), requests will be considered for emergency remote instruction for COVID-19-related reasons (the same process as fall and winter quarters). Submit requests no later than March 11, 2022.
- As in fall and winter quarters, instructors may allow students to take traditional in-class final exams remotely if specific conditions are met. View complete information on the [COVID-19 webpage](#).
- The deadline for undergraduate students to opt for Passed/Not Passed (P/NP) grading in a course, or to revert back to letter grading, has been extended to the last day of instruction for spring 2022 (June 2, 2022). As in past quarters, students will be advised that P/NP usage is complex. Students should review [P/NP FAQs](#) and consult their advisors.
- Graduate students will have until the last day of instruction (June 2, 2022) to submit a [Grading Option Change Petition](#) for Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) grading.

Summer Sessions 2022

- As in fall, winter, and spring quarters, requests will be considered for emergency remote instruction for COVID-19-related reasons. More information will be provided soon.
- As in fall, winter, and spring quarters, instructors may allow students to take traditional in-class final exams remotely if specific conditions are met. View complete information on the [COVID-19 webpage](#).
- The deadline for undergraduate students to opt for P/NP grading in a course, or to revert back to letter grading, is extended to July 22, 2022 for Summer Session I and to September 2, 2022 for Summer Session II.
- Graduate students will have until July 22, 2022 for Summer Session I and September 2, 2022 for Summer Session II to submit a [Grading Option Change Petition](#) for S/U grading.

Fall 2022

Given the return to in-person instruction, we do not anticipate continuing flexibilities or allowing requests for continued emergency remote instruction. All instruction will be in person except for

courses approved as Y (hybrid) or V (virtual) by the Academic Senate's Committee on Courses of Instruction (COCI).

If you want to create a new hybrid or virtual course in time for fall 2022, please work with your department/program to submit that request as soon as possible. New hybrid and virtual course proposals must be approved by school/college course committees no later than June 30, 2022. COCI will then review them for potential offering in fall 2022. Visit the fall 2022 section on the [COVID-19 webpage](#) for additional information.

Thank you as always for your attention to these items. For those of you teaching this quarter, I hope your transition back to the classroom has gone well. And if you're looking for something else to do on campus, consider attending the upcoming [Chancellor's Colloquium](#), where Chancellor May will hold a question-and-answer session with UC President Drake, President Emerita Napolitano, and President Emeritus Yudof. Certainly now more than ever, we must continue to think about the future of UC Davis, the UC at large, and the functions and methods of higher education within society itself.

Take care,
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