UMBC’S DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY, AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION & POLICY

**POLICY FOR “PASS” GRADES IN SPRING 2020 – SAHAP UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the abrupt transition of all university education to an online format, the university is allowing unprecedented options for students to change the grading method for any of their spring 2020 courses. Students have until June 10 (after course grades are posted) to change a letter grade to P/F or to withdraw from any of their spring courses. These changes are aimed at supporting students as we all work together to stay safe and keep learning during this difficult time (see “UMBC Statement on Undergraduate Grading Method Options for Spring 2020,” <https://my3.my.umbc.edu/groups/insights/posts/91524> , posted March 23, 2020).

**The undergraduate SOCIOLOGY PROGRAM will accept “Pass” grades from Spring 2020...**

* as meeting the requirements for courses in the SOCY major and minor
* as meeting the prerequisites course preparation for SOCY courses

**The undergraduate ANTHROPOLOGY PROGRAM will accept “Pass” grades from Spring 2020...**

* as meeting the requirements for courses in the ANTH major and minor
* as meeting the prerequisites course preparation for ANTH courses

**The undergraduate HEALTH ADMINISTRATION & POLICY PROGRAM will accept “Pass” grades from Spring 2020...**

* as meeting the requirements for the HAPP Internship (HAPP 470)
* as meeting the requirements for all HAPP electives, regardless of department
* as meeting the prerequisite for ENGL 100

**However…**

* HAPP will continue to require a C or better in all core classes
* HAPP will continue to require a C or better for all prerequisite classes other than English 100

**HAPP’s Minimum GPA Requirement:**

During Summer and Fall 2020, the Health Administration and Policy program will not be flagging current students for failure to maintain a 2.5 GPA during Spring 2020. New change of majors will also be considered based on their GPA at the beginning of Spring 2020 unless their GPA rose above a 2.5 after Spring 2020. Change of majors will not be admitted to HAPP without a 2.5, but will be advised by HAPP during fall 2020 to keep them on track while they raise their GPA.

It is important that all students be mindful of potential consequences before changing a letter grade to a “pass.” Changing a grade to P/F may have implications for…

* GPA
* courses/programs outside of our department (including second majors, minors, certificates, and prerequisites)
* external licensing or certification programs
* financial aid and scholarships
* graduate school applications and other future plans

We encourage students to look for policy updates regarding these and related issues and to seek advice before requesting a change to P/F or a course withdrawal.