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Dear AUB Faculty and Students,

We are proud of how our community has responded to the unique and challenging circumstances of this academic year, especially the implementation of the continuity measures that ensure that higher education at AUB could proceed in a safe and effective manner for everyone. We appreciate your patience as you carry out your academic activities this summer term.

On March 27, after a swift transition to technology-assisted teaching and learning, followed soon after by a government-mandated campus lockdown, President Fadlo Khuri and Provost Mohamed Harajli announced a temporary modification to AUB's course grading scheme for spring 2020. The introduction of this alternate pass/no-pass (P/NP) course grading option was made in recognition of the unprecedented situation we were facing.

We write today to inform you that we are reverting to regular (letter/numeric) course grading this summer term. This decision was made by the Board of Deans, based on a recommendation from the extended Council of Associate Deans, and in consultation with the University Senate. While the university recognizes the impact of these extraordinary times on teaching and learning, we must also recognize that the alternate course grading option responded only in part to resolving the challenges faced by students and faculty. Maintaining it would have negative consequences on learning and on students' academic future.

The decision to discontinue the P/NP course grading option was not taken lightly. The extensive discussions that led to it took into consideration faculty and student feedback, responses to the ICE surveys, and grade distribution reports. We are sensitive to the complicated nature of the situation and understand that some students may be disproportionately affected by it. We urge those students to seek specific guidance from their advisors and/or department chairs. The university also remains committed to resolving the short- and long-term challenges to effective teaching and learning, while maintaining the highest academic standards.

If you still have questions, you can email them to ask_ecad@aub.edu.lb or you can visit the [faculty](#) or [student](#) FAQ pages, which are updated regularly.

Kind Regards,

Office of the Registrar