January 22nd, 2021

Dear CSE Majors and CS Minors:

Please take a few minutes to carefully read through the entire following important announcement from the CSE department. You may have heard about the recent decisions from the UC San Diego Divisional Senate to adopt one-time exceptions regarding P/NP and S/U grades, as well as extending several deadlines.

The main changes are:

**P/NP Grades:**

- P/NP grades taken during Winter and Spring 2021 will not count towards the 25% cap on P/NP (P/NP courses will be removed from both the numerator and denominator in this calculation).
- Students will be able to select P/NP (and S/U) grading option through the end of the 10th week.
- The Department of Computer Science & Engineering will allow courses for CSE major/CS minor degree requirements to be taken for a Pass grade for Winter and Spring 2021. (See below for details.)

**Deadlines:**

- The undergraduate drop deadline, with a W, is extended to the end of Week 7.
- Students will be able to select P/NP (and S/U) grades through the end of the 10th week (changes should be made by students via WebReg).

**Details:** CSE Major/Minor requirement courses in which students receive a "Pass" may count towards the fulfillment of that requirement, even though that course is not taken for a letter grade. This exception will be in effect for Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Winter 2021, and Spring 2021 only, for all CSE majors (CS25, CS26, CS27, and CS28) and CS Minors (CS26). Please note that if you are using a grade of "Pass" in your course towards your major or minor requirements, the system has been updated and programmed to automatically bring in those courses for your CSE major/CS minor requirements (for approved quarters only). Students who want to take a class for P/NP are responsible for making any changes needed in WebReg before the grading option deadline.

For students who started before Fall 2019 and who may use “D” grades towards their major requirements, please note that a "D" is considered a "No Pass," so in the event you receive the equivalent of a "D" and you take the course P/NP, you will not receive credit towards that specific degree requirement.

Additionally, before you decide on completing your courses for P/NP, be sure to consider your personal situation and whether it will negatively affect any financial aid, VA benefits, scholarships, graduate school application, job applications, course motivation, etc. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our advising staff via the Virtual Advising Center (VAC, vac.ucsd.edu).

Sincerely,

Undergraduate Committee
Computer Science and Engineering