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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 Spring 2020 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) grades through the end of the 10th week.
- Instructors may not require that students enroll on a P/NP or S/U basis in courses that currently allow letter grades.
- The Department of Computer Science & Engineering will allow courses for CSE major degree course requirements to be taken P/NP for Spring 2020 only. (See below for details.)

## **Deadlines:**

- The add deadline is extended to the end of Week 3.
- The drop deadline, without a W, is extended to the end of Week 5.
- The undergraduate drop deadline, with a W, is extended to the end of Week 7.

**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 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 Spring 2020 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 Spring 2020 courses 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 Spring 2020 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