

March 25, 2020

Dear ECE Students,

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 to extend several deadlines. Details can be found [here](#).

In addition to the temporary changes to UC San Diego Senate regulations relating to grading options and enrollment deadlines, the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering will allow courses taken P/NP in SP20 to count towards ECE degree requirements. Students can choose to take major requirements for a letter grade or for P/NP. You are free to choose the grading option that works best for you in SP20. Any course required for the major in which a student earns a grade of C- or higher or a grade of P will count towards the major. This exception will be in effect for SP20 only.

In addition, for SP20 only, the deadline for undergraduate and graduate students to register on a P/NP or S/U basis has been extended to the end of the tenth week of instruction.

The main Senate changes regarding grading options and deadlines are summarized below.

Thank you,  
The ECE Department

## **P/NP and S/U 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.
- The Senate Council allows academic units to relax course- and program-specific letter-grade requirements; indeed, the Senate Council encourages that these requirements be relaxed.
- Instructors may not require that students enroll on a P/NP or S/U basis in courses that currently allow letter grades

## **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.
- Undergraduates may petition to drop a class or withdraw from the University after the end of week 7 and by the end of Week 10 for emergency reasons. These petitions are decided by the college provost