Final Grade Policy for SPRING 2020

As a part of the transition of face-to-face to remote instructions for the Spring 2020 semester, Lamar University will allow a temporary change in the final grading policy. This change will provide students with the option to request an alternate grade of “SE” Satisfactory under Exceptional Circumstance. The modification may only be made in courses in which the student is earning a passing grade of D or higher.

This is in direct response to the unprecedented situation created by COVID-19. The movement of the courses from on campus to online has created challenges for faculty, students, staff and family. Lamar University is dedicated to maintaining high standards and to ensuring your academic success.

The last day to drop or withdraw without academic penalty from a course has been extended from April 15th to May 1st.

Students opting to receive an SE grade are still expected to participate in class activities, assessments and assignments throughout the remainder of the semester. Faculty members will assign final grades to students using the assessment methods currently outlined on the course syllabi.

There may be significant consequences of an SE grade, including those for pre-requisite course requirements, GPA calculation, GPA minimums for certain programs, academic standing, financial aid, veteran’s benefits, scholarships, athletic progression as well as admission to other programs or universities. Students should contact their academic advisor about an SE grade and the implications on their program of study before seeking a modification. Graduate students are also strongly encouraged to consult with their graduate advisor about the impact of an SE grade before seeking a modification.

Once final spring grades are posted, students will have until Monday, May 25, 2020 to request an SE grade from the faculty member. Students must submit the request for a change of grade in writing to the faculty member. This option is limited to only Spring 2020 grades. Students must make their requests on a course-by-course basis.

Faculty are encouraged to be flexible but have the authority to make their own decisions on these requests. Decisions by the faculty must use the Grade Change Form on the web no later than Friday, May 29, 2020.

Students may appeal a faculty member’s decision using the policies and procedures as specified on the web. The appeal process is applicable for all grades, including those under review by this temporary change to the final grade policy.