Graduate Policies and Procedures

Addendum - Temporary Exceptions for Spring 2020 due to Covid-19

Registration, Add, Drop Changes

• Certain courses taught in summer or fall 2020 with instructor consent or prerequisite courses were allowed to proceed with adjustments to assist with enrollment. If you need information on a specific course, please feel free to contact scheduling@utdallas.edu.

Admission Changes

• Admissions accepted unofficial transcripts to make admission decisions. Temporary exception remains in effect at time of 2020 online publication.

• TOEFL/English Language Proficiency requirement may be met by alternative means, such as DuoLingo minimum scores of 105. Temporary exception remains in effect at time of 2020 online publication.

• GRE/GMAT score waivers due to closure of GRE/GMAT exam centers as deemed necessary. Temporary exception remains in effect at time of 2020 online publication.

• For fall 2020 graduate applicants, the application deadline changed from May 1, 2020 to July 1, 2020.

Commencement and Graduation Requirements

• Commencement activities (including Doctoral Hooding and Honors Convocation) were cancelled for spring 2020. The spring 2020 conferral date remained.

• All doctoral Final Oral Examinations were moved to virtual defenses.

• A 2020 candidate for graduation whose study was disrupted by COVID-19 resulting in an incomplete will be allowed to graduate in the term of the incomplete.

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Grading

• Incomplete Grading

  • Suspension of these requirements:

    • At least 70% of the required course material but cannot complete all requirements by the end of the semester"

    • "An incomplete course grade (grade of 'I') must be completed within the time period specified by the instructor, not to exceed eight weeks from the first day of the subsequent long
• Instructors must still specify the time period by which an incomplete must be cleared to convert the "I" to a letter grade. If the letter grade is not removed by the end of the specified period, then it will automatically be changed to F.

• Pass/Fail Grading
  • The deadline for graduate students to elect a course to be graded pass/fail was extended from Census Day of the term to 4/30/2020 at 11:59pm.
  • Suspension of these requirements:
    • The 20% restriction limit is suspended for any master's degree.
    • Graduate students could elect any course for pass/fail: such as, prequisites, major core, or electives.

**Academic Standing**

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  • For spring 2020, students that did not meet the necessary criteria for their current academic status will remain in their current academic status without change in enrollment.