March 26, 2020

Dear Kinesiology Undergraduate Students,

We recognize that the past days and weeks have been particularly stressful for you as you have transitioned to online learning, adjusted to physical distancing, and perhaps moved home. To support you in this exceptional time, we recognize the need for more flexibility in our grading scheme to ease academic requirements for you related to your final grades for courses.

The School of Kinesiology will be offering students a ‘Choice’ in final grades for each course. For this term only, you can choose to receive a percentage grade, or you can choose to be evaluated on a Credit/ D/ Fail basis or you can choose to Withdraw (W) from a course. This applies to final grades for courses after completion of any final exams in April 2020, regardless of which faculty (e.g., Arts) may be delivering a specific course.

For whole-course or final exam/project concessions, the Kinesiology Academic Advising is the point of contact kin.advising@ubc.ca.

How to proceed:

• Continue with your scheduled online classes until the end of the term and follow instructions of your professor for each of your courses.

• Follow your professor’s instructions for FINAL EXAMS for each course. The format of exams may vary for each course.

• Final grades for the entire course will be posted as usual within 5-7 days after your final exam.

• Once you see your final grade in a course, you can decide whether you want to:
  1. Keep the grade (eg. 82% A), you received for the course. In this case you need not take any action. The grade will be processed through the system as usual or,
  2. Choose Credit/D or F standing
     a. Credit- assigned when grade is 55% or higher. Degree credit earned.
     b. D -assigned when grade is 50-54%. Degree credit earned.
     c. F -assigned when grade below 50%. No degree credit earned. Or
  3. Withdraw from course and accept “W” on your transcript (no course credit, no tuition refund). Withdrawal (W; no $ refund) can be selected even if you have an F (fail).

You can submit a Concession Form to KIN advising kin.advising@ubc.ca to select concessions 2, 3 above between April 22 and May 6, 2020.

We remain committed to your academic success. I encourage you to consult with your instructors/advisors. Further information shared in the UBC Life blog can help identify facts from fiction related to COVID, recent changes, and recommendations.

Sincerely,

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