Dear Students,

Thank you for your helpful input into our spring 2020 grading policy and for your patience as we have worked out final details. The attached memorandum on our grading policy and FAQs provide you with those details. All of this material will also be available on the [Penn State Law COVID-19 Information](https://www.pennstatelaw.psu.edu/covid-19) website.

As we have discussed, after an extensive student input process and national benchmarking, the faculty decided to move forward with mandatory credit/no credit grading for spring 2020 out of concern for the students most impacted by COVID-19. This approach prevents students facing severe challenges from being additionally comparatively disadvantaged and from having to make hard choices about whether to opt in or out in a semester where they simply could not perform as well as usual. This mandatory credit/no credit approach is also the one most widely taken by law schools around the country.

In developing the details of our policy, we have aimed to address the issues that the change in grading create, as well as to finalize how exams will work this semester. Our goal throughout has been to implement the policy in a way that is most supportive of our students.

We remain committed to working with each student individually to address the challenges created by COVID-19, and to help our students launch their careers successfully. Please let me or any of our key offices at Penn State Law know if you have questions or concerns that we might be able to assist with.

Best,

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