ADDENDUM TO 2019-2020 TGS CATALOG

Grading and Policy Adjustments

• In Winter Quarter 2020, no adjustments were made to standard academic policies of The Graduate School. Flexibility in grading, final exams, or other requirements may have been extended by individual academic programs.

• In Spring Quarter 2020, graduate students were offered the option to earn quality grades (ABC, etc.) or Pass/No Credit grades, with Pass/No Credit grades as the default. A Pass (P) grade signifies a quality grade of C- or higher. Deadlines to add, drop and withdraw from classes were extended.

• The Graduate School will accept grades of Pass (P) assigned in Spring Quarter 2020 toward The Graduate School’s minimum master’s (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/archives/2019-2020/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/masters-degree-requirements/) and PhD (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/archives/2019-2020/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/phd-degree-requirements/#phdcoursework) degree and certificate (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/archives/2019-2020/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/certificate-requirements/) requirements. Students still must have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0 in order to have a degree conferred.

• The Graduate School did not place students on academic probation during the Spring 2020 Quarter. For students with an active student status in The Graduate School as of the start of Summer Quarter 2020, an automatic, four-quarter (one-year) extension was provided for outstanding qualifying exam, prospectus, and/or doctoral and master’s degree (i.e., time to degree) deadlines that fell on or after March 30, 2020. This extension pertained to TGS’s maximum milestone and degree deadlines, specifically the qualifying exam (candidacy) (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/archives/2019-2020/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/phd-degree-requirements/#phdcandidacy), prospectus (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/archives/2019-2020/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/phd-degree-requirements/#phdprospectus), PhD degree (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/archives/2019-2020/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/phd-degree-requirements/#phdtimeline), and master’s degree (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/archives/2019-2020/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/masters-degree-requirements/) deadlines.