

## Assurances from Higher Education

**Stanford** | Undergraduate Admission

### Stanford University Admissions [link](#)

For those of you soon embarking on the college application process, we understand recent developments are adding stress, including exam cancellations and changes in spring semester grading.

Please know we are committed to working with you and offering as much flexibility as possible. Specifically, you will not be at a disadvantage if you are unable to submit AP or Subject Test scores (these scores are not required for Stanford's application). Similarly, you will not be at a disadvantage if your school adopts a credit/no credit (pass/fail) grading policy.



### Harvard Admissions [link](#)

**Spring Semester Grades:** We know that many students will only be able to present pass/fail grades or other similar marks on their transcripts this spring. They will not be disadvantaged as a result.

[Harvard Grading Announcement](#)

**Northwestern**

### Northwestern University Admissions [link](#)

We understand that many communities are experiencing school closures or restricted activities. We are committed to working with schools and communities to ensure all candidates receive full consideration for Northwestern's incoming classes.



## MIT Admissions [link](#)

In recent days, we have received more questions from prospective students worried about disruptions to other aspects of their education, including grading policies, extracurricular activities, and so on. I'm writing to reaffirm that, [consistent with our longstanding practice, we will not penalize students for factors outside their control, including changes to grading policies and procedures, cancellations of activities and exams](#), and more, because of COVID or any other disaster or disruption. We always strive to evaluate applicants fairly in their context, *especially* in times like these.



## Tulane University Admissions [link](#)

### **My high school is going pass/fail. Is that OK?**

Whatever your school does, we'll support it. If you have only P/F in the second semester, we'll totally understand. It might mean we put a bit more emphasis on your first semester, but we'll also completely understand your circumstances. If you're currently on an upward trend, we'll make the assumption that that trend would have continued in the second semester. We'll give you the benefit of the doubt in every single way we can. Tulane just announced that students can opt to take their classes Pass, Minimal Pass, Or Fail, so we get it. Go to your online classes, do the best you can, make your presence felt, try your hardest. We'll notice, trust me.



## Yale University Admissions [link](#)

Just as secondary schools take a diverse set of approaches to curricula and assessment during normal times, schools are taking a diverse set of approaches when responding to the outbreak. We expect that many transcripts will look different for at least the spring 2020 semester. Regardless of your school's decisions, we will work to understand your school's unique context and will not penalize students whose transcripts lack letter grades. It may be helpful to know that Yale does not re-calculate or re-weight grade point averages to a uniform scale.



## **Columbia University Admissions [link](#)**

Please be assured that Columbia Undergraduate Admissions fully supports the pedagogical and administrative decisions your school may make in order to assist your community through this crisis. For example, pass/fail marks or alternative grading methods in lieu of letter or numerical grades this spring will be accommodated with no disadvantage when we review applicants' transcripts next year and beyond.



## **University of Southern California Admissions [link](#)**

Please follow the instructions of your current school. Your health and safety are the top priority. We are able to accommodate the contingency plans implemented by other schools, including the use of virtual classrooms and finishing the school year remotely. We will be understanding in our review, but withdrawing from classes entirely may affect your application. If you are having difficulty providing required application materials due to COVID-19 interruptions, please contact your USC admission counselor to discuss your situation. [Find your counselor here](#). We will handle these concerns on a case-by-case basis and are committed to being as flexible as possible with our applicants.



## **Chapman University Admissions [link](#)**

**How will pass/no pass [credit/no credit] grading during my high school's spring semester affect my admission to Chapman?**

All students who plan to attend Chapman as a first-year student must submit their final high school transcripts at the end of their school year. Passing your spring semester courses will satisfy the requirement for continued academic success. Students who submit transcripts with any no-pass grades will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

If you anticipate any academic difficulties in your spring semester, we suggest [getting in touch with your undergraduate admission counselor](#) to provide more details about your situation.