

Subject: General Considerations for Revised Plans for Courses

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you so much for your extraordinary work in getting your courses turned around for on-line learning so quickly. I know how much work this is especially under difficult circumstances (and I know everyone has many other things going on in their houses besides this!).

I wanted to share a few things that have come up from the other colleges and the OVPI.

Although we are not going to a pass/fail grade system at this time please know that you have flexibility in your grading and assessments. Please keep in mind that not only is this a challenge for us as instructors this is also challenging for students. For example, you can be creative with your assessments (exams and times finals are up to you - are there other ways you can gauge understanding?). For those of you who may decide to drop some exams or assessments please also be flexible about grading, students may be concerned if they think their grade will only be based on their work prior to spring break. Please be empathetic with your students.

Please also keep in mind that synchronous streaming presentations may be challenging. Bandwidth may be a real limitation (I've had two zoom calls go down this week, for example). So as much as you can load for asynchronous viewing will likely benefit both you and the students.

Thank you! And please let me know if you have any questions.

Erin