

Important Information Regarding Admissions Policy Changes Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

Due to the unprecedented circumstances occurring during Spring 2020, applicants will be allowed to take prerequisites P/NP. We will not penalize students for the adoption of P/NP during Spring 2020 or reward students for taking courses for a letter grade. The admission committee will only factor into their decision whether or not the student completed the prerequisite with either a C- or higher if completed for a letter grade or P if taken for P/NP.

To assess an applicant's ability to handle the academic rigor of the business major, our evaluation will focus on academic performance prior to this period, and if applicable, following this period. We employ a comprehensive approach to our admissions evaluation and will not only consider performance in required coursework but also overall academic performance, course load, grade trend, impact in extracurricular endeavors, personal attributes and life experience suggesting leadership, maturity, ethical character, teamwork and goal orientation.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question:

If I complete a prerequisite during Spring 2020 for P/NP and another applicant receives a letter grade of A, will that applicant have a higher chance of gaining admission to Haas?

Answer:

No. During Spring 2020 students will not be penalized or put at a disadvantage for taking prerequisites P/NP. Students who complete prerequisites for a letter grade will not be rewarded. The admission committee will only factor into their decision whether or not the student completed the prerequisite with either a C- or higher if completed for a letter grade or P if taken for P/NP.

Question:

If I completed a prerequisite during Spring 2020 and received a NP will I need to repeat the prerequisite?

Answer:

Yes, during Spring 2020, you must receive a P to satisfy a prerequisite. If you repeat the course in a subsequent semester, you will be required to take the course for a letter grade. Applicants are encouraged to use the additional essay prompt included in the application to explain circumstances that impacted their ability to successfully complete courses during Spring 2020.

Question:

If I take a prerequisite for P/NP during Spring 2020 and another applicant completed the same prerequisite in a different semester for a letter grade and received an A, will that applicant have a higher chance of getting into Haas?

Answer: Students who take prerequisites for P/NP during Spring 2020 will not be penalized or put at an unfair disadvantage in our admissions process.

Question: How will Haas view our cumulative GPA? Will the GPA for Spring 2020 be considered?

Answer: When assessing the grades and coursework component of the application, the admission committee will focus primarily on performance in prerequisites courses. In addition, courseload, grade trend, consistency of academic performance and cumulative GPA will also be considered. We understand the difficulties students have endured this semester and how those circumstances could impact academic performance. During Spring 2020 the admission committee will only consider if students successfully completed courses with at least a C- or P. An increase or decrease in the cumulative GPA for Spring 2020 will not impact the admission decision.