



BOARD OF ADMISSIONS AND RELATIONS WITH SCHOOLS (BOARS)

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**MARY GAUVAIN, CHAIR
ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

RE: Continuing Use of Pass/No Pass Grades in California High Schools

Dear Mary,

The Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) has continued its discussion of the impact of COVID restrictions on UC applicant academic preparation. Since the use of pass/no pass or credit/no credit grades in the face of COVID remains a local high school decision, and as we encourage campus admission offices to be mindful of the many obstacles students and schools alike are facing, BOARS will extend through the summer of 2021 the temporary waiver of Senate Regulation 424.B.1, thus allowing non-letter grades for A-G courses.

Nonetheless, *BOARS strongly encourages potential applicants to take, whenever possible, A-G courses for letter grades, especially those in English and mathematics, as well as those in prospective major fields.*

BOARS recognizes that not all students will have equal access to letter grades, and even those who do, may have encountered more lenient grading during this health crisis. Accordingly, we note to our faculty and administration colleagues that greater academic and emotional support resources will need to be made available to incoming cohorts, and UC should begin planning for such eventualities now.

Thank you for your support,

Sincerely,

Eddie Comeaux
BOARS Chair

cc: Members of the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS)
Executive Director Baxter
Executive Director Yoon-Wu, Undergraduate Admissions