Academic Decisions for Students – 2nd Semester (19/20)

Dear Students,

With the upcoming second semester exams and in light of the Corona virus pandemic, several decisions have been made concerning the period of exams. Below are clarifications regarding each of these decisions:

1. The schedule of exams has been postponed for one week and they will be held between July 12, 2020 and September 16, 2020, excluding exceptions.
   1.1. The schedule of exams is published on the information station and includes three dates.
   1.2. Based on the relevant Dean's decision, some of the exams for which dates have been set, will be converted to final papers or home exams.
       - Final papers: the assignment will be given by the Lecturer in the last course session and the date of submission will be July 31, 2020. There will be only one date of submission for the final paper.
       - Home exam: The exam will be uploaded to Moodle by the lecturer on the designated date at 8:00 in the morning and will be returned by the students by 8:00AM the following morning. The lecturer shall be available for students' questions during the first hour of the exam. Three different dates will be given for the exam.
   1.3. A specific solution has been provided for fourth year law students which includes the exams planned for the month of September in light of their law apprenticeships.

2. The majority of the exams will be conducted online.
   2.1. A small number of exams will be held on campus and the students in these courses will receive notification in advance. The exam will be administered subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the government decisions.
   2.2. Students who are not able to take the exam on campus for personal reasons are kindly asked to submit a request to the Student Administration.

3. A third date will be set in advance for each exam and Students will be entitled to choose two dates of the three dates provided.
   3.1. Each student is entitled to take the exam on two dates only.
   3.2. The third date session will be held on the first semester of the 2020-2021 academic year between the dates of October 25, 2020 and November 27, 2020. We recommend that you take the exam on the first two dates.
   3.3. The third date constitutes a solution in cases of two exams overlapping on the same date and entitles each student to plan in advance which of the dates he/she will take the exam in each course.
4. Each student will be given the opportunity to convert up to three grades from a numerical grade to a binary pass/fail grade which will not be calculated into the GPA.

4.1 This conversion will be possible for exams, home exams and papers

4.2 After receiving the grades, each student should send a formal request to the student administration, choosing the course grades which they wish to convert to a binary form, no later than 31/12/2020. This decision cannot be changed once updated in the system. We recommend that you make an informed decision, after consulting with your dean or program head, which grades, if any, you wish to convert to the binary form.

4.3 In order to qualify for the continuation of a merit scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year, and/or to be eligible to the dean’s list, all of the 2019-2020 grades will be calculated, except for up to 4 credits of binary grade for the entire 2019-2020

**Important:** the percentage of scholarship holders, who will continue to receive the merit scholarship at 2020-2021, will not drop from the percentage of scholarship holders in the past few years, even if the scholarship holders do not meet the necessary minimum GPA requirement.

A student with a “fail” grade is not eligible to be included in the dean’s list

Students who have participated in a student exchange program in the 2019-2020 school year will not be able to convert any courses from the 2019-2020 second semester to a binary form.

On exceptional cases: a student that did not convert any numerical grade to a binary grade and is studying in the second semester only courses that include over 4 credits, can apply for a special permission to convert one of those grades –for the dean’s consideration.

For the purpose of graduation with distinction (cum laude, Magna cum Laude and Summa cum Laude) all of the all of the 2019-2020 grades will be calculated, except for binary grades from the fall Semester. For this purpose, a student who did not convert any grades in the 2019-2020 fall semester, can convert up to 4 credits to a binary form in the spring semester.

Good luck ☺
Examinations Department