

## UP SYSTEM POLICY ON THE SECOND SEMESTER AY 2019-2020 IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

We are now living in extremely challenging times. The extension of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and the rapid COVID-19 escalation have caused profound

Viber, Messenger etc.). Moreover, several surveys reveal the difficulty of pursuing academic work for a significant number of students and faculty in the face of basic survival concerns.

Under the circumstances, the Presidential Advisory Committee (PAC) composed of the UP System Executive Committee and the Chancellors of Constituent Universities resolved to modify the option presented to it in its 13 April 2020 meeting i.e. to extend the semester while paying closer attention to the needs of students who will be disadvantaged by their lack of access to various learning platforms. Guided by the principle excellence as operationalized in adherence to academic standards--albeit adjusted to the context of the pandemic--this option was based on the decisions reached over the last three weeks by CU Executive Committees in consultation with College Secretaries, Graduate Program Coordinators, Registrars, faculty and students.

Prompted by the need for even greater compassion for our students and faculty at this particular juncture, the PAC modified its original position by calling for 1) an end of the semester on 30 April 2020; 2) assurance that students will not fail the course but that their grade of Pass (with optional adjectival remarks) will be deferred until they meet the requirements by 31 May 2021; and 3) that graduating students and those meeting personal

v. Students have up to 31 May 2021 to complete the course requirements, upon

5. The University is also waiving academic rules as well as policies on scholastic standing and student financial assistance.

#### DROPPING OF SUBJECTS

The deadline for dropping of subjects for the Second Semester AY 2019-2020 is lifted.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The deadline for filing of Leave of Absence for the Second Semester AY 2019-2020 is lifted.

#### MAXIMUM RESIDENCE

Residence for the Second Semester AY 2019-2020 shall not be included in the reckoning or in the counting of years of residence of a student.

#### PREREQUISITES TO COURSES

As stated above

#### REMOVAL OF INC

A student who incurred an INC during the Second Semester AY 2018-2019 shall be allowed to remove the INC until First Semester AY 2020-2021.

#### REMOVAL OF 4.0

A student who incurred a 4.0 during the Second Semester AY 2018-2019 shall be allowed to remove the 4.0 until First Semester AY 2020-2021.

#### RULES ON SCHOLASTIC STANDING

The following rules on scholastic standing (delinquency) are suspended for the Second Semester AY 2019-2020:

- a. Warning
- b. Probation
- c. Dismissal
- d. Permanent Disqualification

#### STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Policies on student financial assistance which are tied to scholastic standing are suspended.

6. There will be no more face-to-face classes after 30 April 2020. The University shall endeavor to adopt alternative modes of instruction, requirements and assessment methods that are consistent with its mandate as the National University committed to honor and excellence and that equally take the extreme conditions confronting our students and faculty into account.