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We are aware that you may change your course grade to pass/fail. Before you change to p/f, realize that each graduate and professional school may look at p/f differently.

The following advice applies to students who plan to apply to dental school. I have communicated with two of the three Texas dental schools and both agreed on the following:

1. All dental school prereqs must be taken for a grade and a minimum grade of C is required. No exceptions.

2. Additional science courses should be taken for a grade in most circumstances because this provides the dental schools with more insight into how you handle more difficult courses. (histology, cell bio, pharmacology, etc.).

3. Courses which are not science (art, American history, etc.) that are being taken this semester and are switched to p/f will not be seen negatively.

4. You do not have to decide TODAY about the pass/fail decision. You have until late April to make the switch. Use your time to learn the material and improve your grade average with an A.

If you have more questions, don’t forget I am having a zoom PreDent group advising tomorrow at 1 p.m. Be sure to register here.

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