

7/6/2020 – Update on class rank determination

Dear class of 2021,

Many of you have had questions about how your class rank will be impacted by the clerkships altered by COVID that became pass/fail only. We wanted to make sure that everyone had the best possible outcome of what "might have been" for their class rank. Based on input from Student Affairs, the Registrar, the UME office, and a large amount of analysis and work by the Office of Evaluation and Assessment, we plan to assign class rank based on the best possible scenario for each individual student of what could have happened to your class rank, had these clerkships been eligible for honors/high pass/pass/fail grading. This will mean that the upper class rank categories, which are typically 20% and 20% of the students, will include more than 40% total (approximately 45% total). No student would be pushed down into a lower category because of this plan, but there are many students who would have landed in a higher category if they had done well on these clerkships, so we wanted to give everyone the best possible outcome.

Thanks all and be well,

Dr. Mason