A comparison of final (not verified) grades for fall 2019 and fall 2020 indicated a slight decrease in the percentage of A and B grades from fall 2019 to fall 2020, especially in graduate courses, and slight increase in the percentage of DFW grades, especially in undergraduate courses. There was a marked increase in the number of incompletes in graduate courses. These very preliminary results suggest that the COVID-19 pandemic did not ce, although the stress associated with the pandemic

may have contributed to an increase in course incompletions.

This research brief provides a high level analysis of the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student grades at Daemen College. The grade distribution for fall 2019 (pre-pandemic) was compared to the grade distribution for fall 2020 (post-pandemic). Final grades were used for the comparison, not verified grades, since some students opted for the SC/UC grading system that was allowed during the pandemic. For students selecting the SC/UC option, final grades would reflect the grades actually