Fall 2020 Undergraduate Grading Policy
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Helpful links:
• Email outlining full Undergraduate Grading Policy for Fall 2020 Semester
• UIC Grading System and Grading Symbols

Q What does CR/NC stand for?
A CR = Credit (credit is earned, applies toward graduation requirements, GPA is not impacted)
NC = No Credit (original grade reported was F, credit is not earned, GPA is not impacted)

Q What is the Fall 2020 grading policy for D and F grades?
A The Undergraduate Grading Policy for Fall 2020 will automatically change any reported grade of D to CR and any reported grade of F to NC. This is for all of your currently enrolled courses.

Q How do I participate in the Fall 2020 grading policy for D and F grades?
A This policy is automatic; you do not have to do anything.

Q Do I have to participate in the Fall 2020 grading policy for D and F grades?
A Yes; you cannot opt out of this.

Q Can I request for a course to be graded as Credit/No Credit, as was permitted during the Spring 2020 term?
A No; students cannot request to enact this policy on selected courses. The policy is automatic for all reported grades of D and F.

Q How will this new policy impact my grade point average (GPA)?
A The GPA policy has not changed -- only courses with standard letter grades (A, B, C, D, or F) will be calculated in your GPA. Grades of CR and NC are not calculated in your GPA.
https://registrar.uic.edu/student_records/courses-grades#calculate-gpa

Q The standard Credit/No Credit policy has a lot of restrictions; are they are in place still?
A Please see Chart 3 on page 4 outlining standard policy with Spring 2020 and Fall 2020 policy eligibility differences.

Q How will this new policy impact my Financial Aid?
A The Fall 2020 Undergraduate Grading Policy will impact Financial Aid in the ways listed below. Please contact your Financial Aid Counselor for any additional questions.
• Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) will still be assessed at the end of Spring 2021 semester for all enrolled students.
• CR/NC courses will not count in the student’s cumulative GPA for the purpose of SAP.
  o Students must still maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA after 60 attempted credit hours.
• Courses with grades of NC will count as an attempted/not completed course in a student’s overall completion rate and maximum time frame calculation.
Students must maintain an overall completion rate of 67% to remain financial aid eligible.

- Students must not have exceeded 180 attempted credits to remain financial aid eligible.
- Students failing SAP at the end of Spring 2021 semester can still appeal the decision after cancellation occurs.

Q I am in a prerequisite course that requires a C or better to move on to the next course (i.e. I am in MATH 121 and plan to take MATH 180 in a future semester); will a grade of CR satisfy the prerequisite requirement?

A No, courses with a grade of CR taken during the Fall 2020 semester will not fulfill prerequisite requirements for courses that require a C or better to move on to the next course.

Q Will a grade of CR satisfy the Foreign Language Requirement?

A If a course with a grade of CR is the final course in a foreign language sequence, it will satisfy the Foreign Language Requirement. Courses with grades of CR cannot be used to fulfill prerequisite requirements for courses that require a C or better to move on to the next course (i.e. Students with a CR in FR 101 will not be eligible to take FR 102). See prior Q and A.

Q If I earn a grade of CR in a course during the Fall 2020 semester, am I eligible to retake this course in a future semester?

A Yes, but consult with your COE Academic Advisor(s) before repeating a Fall 2020 course in which you earned a grade of CR. Students receiving Financial Aid should contact their Financial Aid Counselor for impacts of repeating a course.

Q I completed a course late drop but now I want to finish it. Can I cancel my late drop request?

A No, students are not eligible to re-enroll in any previously dropped courses. Exceptions will not be made to this policy.

Q I completed a late drop of a course; can it be changed to ‘NC’?

A No, completed late drops will remain a ‘W’s on transcripts. Exceptions will not be made to this policy.

Q I requested to take a course Credit/No Credit during the add/drop period at the beginning of the semester; do I need to do anything else for that course?

A No, any previously approved Credit/No Credit requests will be honored.

Q I requested to take a course Credit/No Credit during the add/drop period at the beginning of the semester but now I want to change it to the new grading policy; am I able to?

A No, we will not allow students to reverse previously requests to take a course Credit/No Credit.

Q Will the new grading policy impact my graduation status?

A No, any credit earned will apply to graduation requirements.

Q I plan to apply to intercollege transfer to a different UIC undergraduate college in a future semester; does the new grading policy impact my eligibility?
A. Students should contact specific program of interest for questions about intercollege transfer eligibility.

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<td>A student may request only one course per term as Credit/No Credit.</td>
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<td>No more than two courses in a single discipline may be taken as Credit/No Credit.</td>
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