UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO
College of Engineering

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.
    - 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.

Chart 1:

Previous Policy – Standard Grading							
Instructor Reported Grade	A	B	C	D	F	S	U
Transcript Marking	A	B	C	D	F	S	U
GPA Grade Weight	4	3	2	1	0	Not factored	Not factored

Chart 2:

Undergraduate Grading Policy for Fall 2020 semester – automatic CR/NC for grades of D and F, no request needed							
Instructor Reported Grade	A	B	C	D	F	S	U
Transcript Marking	A	B	C	CR	NC	S	U
GPA Grade Weight	4	3	2	Not factored	Not factored	Not factored	Not factored

Chart 3:

Standard Credit/No Credit Policy	**Undergraduate Grading Policy for Spring 2020 semester**	**Undergraduate Grading Policy for Fall 2020 semester for grades of D and F**
Only students in good academic standing may elect to take a course under the Credit/No Credit option.	Any student may elect to take a course(s) under this option.	This policy is automatic and students do not need to elect.
A student may request only one course per term as Credit/No Credit.	Students may elect to take as many courses as desired for credit/no credit.	This policy will only apply to all reported D and F grades.
No more than two courses in a single discipline may be taken as Credit/No Credit.	There is no limit for courses in a single discipline.	There is no limit for courses in a single discipline.
Only elective courses may be taken on a Credit/No Credit basis; courses being used to meet any graduation course requirements must be taken for letter grades.	• Courses graded as Credit can be used to satisfy major, minor, General Education, foreign language, and Quantitative Reasoning requirements. • Exclusions may apply to programs with licensing agency and/or accreditation board requirements.	• Courses graded as Credit can be used to satisfy major, minor, General Education, and foreign language requirements, where a grade of C or better is not required. • Courses graded as Credit cannot be used to satisfy the Quantitative Reasoning requiremet. • Courses graded as Credit cannot be used to satisfy that require a C or better to satisfy a requirement

		or serve as a required pre-requisite. • Exclusions may apply to programs with licensing agency and/or accreditation board requirements.