

Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) Option for Spring 2020
Frequently Asked Questions for Faculty
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- 1. How should faculty enter grades for Spring 2020? How will I know whether a student has elected the normal letter grading process or CR/NC?**

Faculty will enter grades as usual, assigning letter grades to all students except for courses that are normally graded on a CR/NC basis. The letter grades entered by faculty will be converted to CR/NC by the Registrar's office for students who have chosen this option. After your grade roster is submitted, and the grades are posted, your roster will show both the grade you submitted and the posted grade.

- 2. The normal requirement for passing 100W, 100A, and certain other courses is a grade of C (not C-). But a Credit (CR) is awarded for a C- or better. If students choose the Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) grading option for Spring 2020 will a grade of CR fulfill the graduation requirement for 100W and other courses that normally require a grade of C or better?**

8 How do CR/NC grades affect a student's GPA? ([Student FAQ#5](#))

CR/NC grades do not have grade points associated with them and thus do not count in the GPA. For example, if a student takes 15 units of courses CR/NC for the semester, they will earn units toward their degree and meet the course requirements (such as a major or GE requirements), but their SJSU GPA will not change.

9 Are there certain classes that a student should not opt to take CR/NC? ([Student FAQ#8](#))

For the Spring 2020 semester only, students are able to choose the CR/NC grading option for all types of courses (Major; Minor; Prerequisites, GE).

However, if students are planning to apply to graduate programs or internships and want their transcript to show a letter grade rather than CR for a particular course, they may not want to switch to CR/NC for that course. Students should also think carefully about choosing CR/NC for courses that allow them to use a grade lower than a C (D+, D, D) to fulfill a requirement.

In some cases, earning a D+, D, or D will progress students toward their degree (example, some GE courses or major courses). On the other hand, if they selected the CR/NC option, a D+, D, or D would convert to a NC. As a result, they would need to retake the class.

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13 What if a student makes a mistake in choosing the CR/NC option and it prevents them from graduating, causes them to not pass a prerequisite, or negatively impacts their F-1 visa status? ([Student FAQ#20](#))

If students switch to CR/NC by May 1, 2020 but discover that this has adversely affected their progress to degree, they can petition for a grade change back to letter

**21. How can earning a CR or NC impact a graduate student's candidacy form?
Courses with a grade of CR may be listed on the candidacy form like any other letter**