

Flexible Grading Fall 2020

UPDATE DECEMBER 23, 2020

- [Instructions on how to opt in are now available.](#)
- Students will be able to choose the Credit/No Credit flexible grading option for graded courses beginning December 24.

UPDATE DECEMBER 21, 2020

- [Courses excluded from the Flexible Grading Option can be found here](#)

UPDATES DECEMBER 16, 2020

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- *A list of courses excluded from the flexible grading option will be available the week of December 21.*

WHAT IS THE FALL 2020 FLEXIBLE GRADING POLICY?

The Fall 2020 flexible grading policy applies to students enrolled in most classes. Under the new flexible grading policy, after final grades are posted by faculty, you can choose to convert the traditional letter grade you earned in most courses (any grade from B+ to C-), into a grade of Credit ("CR") or F to No Credit ("NC"). Unlike traditional letter grades, which affect your grade point average ("GPA"), grades of Credit or No Credit will not factor into your GPA.

WHICH CLASSES ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE FALL 2020 FLEXIBLE GRADING POLICY?

The academic programs are currently reviewing their fall courses to determine if any course should be excluded from the flexible grading policy. A list of courses excluded from the flexible grading policy will be available the week of December 21.

DO I HAVE TO USE THE NEW FLEXIBLE GRADING POLICY?

No. It is important to understand that using the Fall 2020 flexible grading policy is not mandatory. You can select this option for one or more courses, even for all courses. You can also choose to keep whatever traditional letter grades you earn.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO RIGHT NOW?

Aside from speaking with your academic and financial aid advisors, there is not much to do right now. The Fall 2020 flexible grading option will not be available until December 24.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING THIS DECISION?

To help you "think through it," you may want to reach out to your academic advisor or program director and your financial aid counselor to ask questions about how this may affect your degree plan and/or your financial aid awards. Keep in mind that while all CUNY colleges received instructions to accept your credit for transfer to any other CUNY institution, we cannot guarantee

that all colleges and universities, graduate programs, scholarships, and other third parties will accept the grade of “CR” for credit.



WHEN SHOULD YOU CONSIDER NOT DECLARING A CR/NC GRADE OPTION?

In any of the following scenarios or a combination of these, you should speak with your advisor and strongly consider not declaring the option:

1. **Graduating graduate students with GPA below 3.0:** If the reported grade raises your GPA you should keep it. If the grade does not you should consult with your academic advisor before exercising the CR/NC option.
2. **Considering applying to a graduate program, scholarship, or third-party entity outside of CUNY that has requirements for minimum passing grades,** you may want to think carefully about the CR/NC option. An entity outside of CUNY, such as a professional licensing body, a private scholarship organization, or a graduate program outside of CUNY, may not accept a grade of “CR.”
3. **Veterans using the GI Bill®** are strongly advised to contact the campus VA School Certifying Officials (Vincent De Luca or Jessica Rivera) prior to declaring the CR/NC option to discuss the implications for your benefits.

It is best to speak with your academic advisor or graduate program director and financial aid counselor before making any decision concerning the flexible grading option.

