

## Spring 2021 Grading Policy Changes - FAQs for Students

**Q. Who gets to choose whether or not to take a course via the original grading scale or Credit / No Credit?**

**A.** The student has the opportunity to choose which of their Spring 2021 courses, if any, they want to convert from an A-F grading scale to Credit / No Credit (CR/NC or ABC-/NC). Faculty will continue to enter grades as usual, but the grade will be presented on your transcript based on your choice for the course. You can decide to make changes to one course, a few or all of your courses as is best for you. Before making any changes we strongly encourage you to meet with your academic advisor.

**Q. Are there reasons I shouldn't convert my grades to Credit / No Credit?**

**A.** That depends on your personal circumstances. Students in many programs, including those leading to credentials, licensures and graduate degrees, may be better served by earning traditional letter grades. You should meet with your academic advisor or attend any offered Grading Options workshop.

**Q. When do I need to decide to change to Credit / No Credit (CR/NC or ABC-/NC) for my course?**

**A.** Between February 8 and May 14, 2021, (the last day of instruction for Spring 2021 semester) you will be able to change the grading option for your course in myCoyote. From May 15, 2021 – June 17, 2021, there will be an additional option for you to petition to change your grade scale through the Office of the Registrar.

**Q. If I choose Credit / No Credit (CR/NC) what grade do I need to earn in my class to get a CR grade?**

**A.** Undergraduate students will need to earn at least a C- in a course they elect to take as Credit / No Credit to receive a CR grade. Graduate students will need to earn at least a B- in a course they elect to take as Credit / No Credit to earn a CR grade.

**Q. What happens if I fail a course but did not choose Credit / No Credit (CR/NC or ABC-/NC) before the grade posted?**

**A.** Undergraduate students who earn an F in any course during the Spring 2021 term will automatically have that grade changed to No Credit (NC) on their transcript by the Office of the Registrar. Similarly, graduate students who earn a D or F in a course during the Spring 2021 term will automatically have that grade changed to No Credit (NC) on their transcript by the Office of the Registrar. No action is required on your part for the transcript to update.

**Q. Will there be a delay in grade posting or graduation processing due to the changes being made?**

**A.** The Office of the Registrar is committed to managing end-of-term processes as expeditiously as possible. The grade submission deadline for the Spring 2021 term is May 27, 2021 and end-of-term

processing will begin at that time. Students who elect to petition to have a grade change completed after grades have posted may see a considerable delay in updates to their transcripts to allow for end-of-term processing to be completed.

**Q. Will changing grades to Credit / No Credit (CR/NC or ABC-/NC) affect my ability to complete major, general education, golden four or graduation requirements?**

**A.** Departments and GE, including the Golden Four, must accept Credit grades earned in Spring 2021 toward major and graduation requirements. Additionally, courses completed in Spring 2021 with a Credit/No Credit grade do not count toward a unit cap of Credit/No Credit courses.

**Q. What happens if I withdraw from a course this term? Will this affect my ability to withdraw from courses at a later time?**

**A.** Any withdrawals from the Spring 2021 term will be reported as W grades and will not count toward the 18 semester unit limit for withdrawals. Likewise, all WU (unofficial withdrawal) grades will be converted to Ws for the Spring 2021 semester and those Ws will not count towards the W limit.

**Q. Will my transcripts reflect the changes to the policies occurring this term?**

**A.** The following notation will be included on the transcript below your Spring 2021 term: "In Spring 2021, the impact of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) led to a move to remote and virtual learning, as well as temporary changes in university academic/grading policies."

**Q. I've applied to CSUSB for graduate school. How will Credit / No Credit (CR/NC or ABC-/NC) grade impact my ability to enroll in my program?**

**A.** Spring 2021 Credit/No Credit grades will not affect a student's admissions into a CSUSB graduate program as long as they meet the minimum program requirements and their transcripts show a conferred bachelor's degree or master's degree, or Ed.D. as appropriate.

**Q. I was working toward grade forgiveness this term, but the change in instructional modality has affected my expected outcome. Can I retake the course again?**

**A.** Students attempting grade forgiveness for a course in Spring 2021 will not have this attempt count toward the maximum number of allowable units for grade forgiveness.

**Q. I was expecting to be on the Dean's List for this term but have decided to take courses as Credit / No Credit (CR/NC or ABC-/NC). Will this impact my ability to earn the distinction?**

**A.** To be eligible for Spring 2021 Dean's List, Letter and/or Presidential Letter of Recognition, a minimum of 9 or more semester units for which letter grades (A, B, C and D) and grade points are earned, is required.