

Fox Undergraduate Students,

I hope this message finds you healthy and well. You've likely seen the message and [FAQ's](#) from the Provost's Office regarding Credit/No-Credit options for the Spring 2020 semester. The list on the site is helpful, but a bit long. We wanted to send a follow up message to you highlighting things for you to consider when making this important decision:

Note the option doesn't open until April 6, and you will have until April 27 to make your decision. This will allow the necessary time for you to decide what's in your best interest. It's generally recommended that students continue attending their classes, and working with instructors to earn the best possible grades this semester, in the days leading up to the April 27 deadline.

[To select Standard letter grade or Credit/No Credit:](#)

- Go into self-service banner and select your preferred option for EACH individual course (standard grade or the CR/NC grade).
- You can change your selection at any time up until April 27th. Grading will not become available to faculty until after April 27th.
 - Note: 7B classes will have the same end date as the 15 week classes for this spring semester only.

[If you choose to receive CR/NC, the instructor will submit one of the following grades for you for that course after April 27th:](#)

- CR = C, C- or above
- CD= D+, D, D-
- NC = performance insufficient to earn credit for the class. NC does not count in the GPA and in hours attempted

[How will CR/NC impact Fox minimum grade requirements:](#)

- Many Fox majors require a C or better to move forward in the major.
- Students selecting a CR grade will be able to register for summer and fall classes during priority registration, and will NOT be de-enrolled from classes that require the C. The CR grade will also show this requirement as complete in DARs.
- Students who earn the CR grade at the conclusion of the term will need to see an academic advisor for a prerequisite override to register for any summer/fall 2020 classes requiring a C or better. This is due to the prerequisite rules in Fox, which looks for a grade of C or better. Historically, the CR grade is equivalent to a C-.
- **It is in your best interest to register during Priority registration, as there may be a time delay to see an advisor and have the prerequisite override applied to a given course.**
- Students who earn a CD or NC grade will be de-enrolled from summer/fall major courses that require a C or better at the conclusion of the term.

[If you are currently repeating a course, for a passing or better grade, then:](#)

- The CR grade will replace any grade that is less than a C- in your transcript. The lower grade will be taken out of the CGPA and the requirement will be complete.
- A CD grade will only replace a grade of F.

- If a NC grade or CD grade is lower than the original grade earned, the original grade will remain.

Other things to consider:

Fly-in-4:

- You will be able to register for fall courses any time before June 1st and still be considered in good standing for Fly in 4.

Students on Academic Recovery:

- You are required to have a minimum of 6 credits of standard graded coursework to be eligible to return to the university.

Students seeking to progress to graduate, law, or medical school where grades are needed:

- Selecting CR/NC could be an issue for students seeking advanced degrees beyond the BBA. Please check with those schools before choosing the CR option.
- If you are pursuing a 4+1 degree at Temple, you should accept the standard letter grade for your graduate course, rather than a CR.

Students planning to sit for upcoming professional certifications/exams:

- Grades needed for Actuarial VEE credits;
 - For the actuarial credential, part of the requirements are VEE (Validation by Educational Experience) credits for Macro & Microeconomics, Corporate Finance, Actuarial Science courses and Mathematical Statistics. A student gets VEE credit in a particular subject by getting a grade of B- or above in the respective course(s).
 - **You should speak to your Actuarial Faculty members before selecting the CR grading option.**

Student receiving Veteran benefits:

- Grades CR, CD, P, F will not impact your benefits. However, grade NC is considered a "*non-punitive grade*" - a grade that does not count as earned credit and not calculated into the grade point average. Since non-punitive grades don't count towards their degree, you may be required to repay any GI Bill money you received for such classes.
- Veterans should take the standard F grade over the NC grade.

Students receiving reimbursement from employers:

- Employer reimbursements often require a grade of B or better.
- A grade of CR will likely not be reimbursed.
- You should check with your company on what will be reimbursed.

Students who aspire to earn Latin Honors and/or Dean's List:

- Dean's List requires 12 hours of graded (standard) credits to be eligible.
- Latin Honors can also be affected by the choice to take CR over a standard grade.
- By not taking grades, you may be limiting your eligibility to gain entrance into some honor societies.

Scholarship recipients with awards requiring minimum GPAs:

- Internally it would have no effect.
- Externally, you could lose that scholarship based on the criteria set. Please check with the organization that gave you the scholarship before choosing non-standard grades.

If you are wondering how this option affects your Faculty grading?

- Once you opt for a standard grade or the CR/NC grading options, only those options will be available to your faculty member when they submit grades for those courses.

You have between Monday, April 6th and Friday, April 27th to make this decision. If you select a grade mode and wish to change your selection, you may do so until 5 p.m. (Eastern time) on April 27th. Please weigh your options carefully and decide what is in your best interest with regards to your grading choices. Remember, you may make a grading selection on a course by course basis.

Our [Center for Undergraduate Advising](#) is ready to work with you as you navigate this decision. We have added special virtual open office hours to address any questions you may have. Students may drop in, no appointment necessary! However, if you have a more in-depth question, we encourage you to make an appointment so we have the appropriate time to devote directly to your unique situation.

We understand that this is a difficult time for everyone. In addition to advising appointments, please know that the university has resources available that you may find helpful:

[Student Emergency Aid Fund](#)

[Tuttleman Counseling Services](#)

[Disability Resources and Services](#)

[Cherry Pantry](#)

We wish you a successful end to the Spring 2020 semester!

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