

# Flexible Grading Policy: Student Information Sheet

On March 30, 2020, the Board of Trustees of CUNY approved a special COVID-19 Flexible Grading Policy for the Spring 2020 Semester. While you should read both the FAQ which answers many detailed questions as well as the CUNY Continuity site, here are basic points of which you should be aware about the policy implementation and what your responsibilities are with respect to it.

- This policy applies to all credit and noncredit undergraduate, masters and doctoral courses, with the exception of courses at the CUNY School of Law and the CUNY School of Medicine. This policy applies to all credit bearing courses in all Spring 2020 sessions including, Winter, Spring 1, and Spring 2 (Kingsborough, LaGuardia and Guttman Community Colleges) and any other term within the Spring 2020 semester.
- Unlike policies implemented at some other colleges and universities, the faculty are not awarding CR/NC grades to their students. Faculty will use the same grading options always available to them. You will be able to view the grades you have been awarded in CUNYfirst and **you must proactively decide** to opt for a CR/NC grade. Screenshots are being provided along with detailed instructions on how to complete these transactions. Neither the CR nor the NC grade have any impact on your GPA, positively or negatively.
- You do not have to choose CR/NC for all of your courses. You have the right to keep the letter grade in some and opt for CR/NC in others or to keep the letter grades in all of your courses.
- You may only opt for NC in course with an earned F grade. In all other courses you have passed, you may only opt for a CR grade. Students given a grade of WU (an unofficial withdrawal) may appeal to the college to convert that grade to NC.
- You have until **June 25** to make your decision on courses completed in Winter Session and Spring 1 and until September 10 for courses taken in Spring 2 session (Kingsborough, LaGuardia, Guttman Community Colleges). Both dates are twenty business days after the final grade submission deadline. We strongly advise you to use that time to make your decision and learn the impact of your choice on factors external to CUNY.
- While no student can be denied the right to opt for a CR/NC grade, students in programs preparing them for careers in licensed professional such as in the health sciences, mental health, engineering, architecture, public accounting, social work, nutrition, geology and speech language pathology should communicate with a faculty member to learn the impact of their choices.
- Opting for the CR/NC grade may have an impact on some students' financial aid. Students should read the FAQ and the CUNY Continuity site, as well as check with your financial advisor for information specific to your situation. Students receiving private scholarship dollars should check with the provider to learn the implications of your grading choices on continuing to receive the scholarship. Students considering graduate programs outside of CUNY should contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at the appropriate college or university to learn the impact of your grading choices on your admissions prospects.