



**Hostos** Community College

## ADDENDUM



## ACADEMIC BULLETIN

2020-2022

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The following items are addenda to the official College Catalog. Addenda will be included in the next official publication of the Hostos College Catalog.

## [ADD] – Academic Policy Fall 2020 - Registrar’s Office

Fall 2020 - Credit/No Credit Grading Policy - Catalog/Bulletin Addendum/Update

<https://www.hostos.cuny.edu/Hostos/media/SDEM/Registrar/Memo-to-students-Dec-18.pdf>



Office of the Registrar  
Date: December 18, 2020  
To: All Students  
From: David Primak, Registrar  
Re: CUNY’s Flexible Grading Policy for Fall 2020

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As we reach the final stretch of the term, it is important to note that CUNY has approved a flexible grading policy for the Fall 2020 semester. This memo will address some of the more common questions and help you decide if applying for the policy is a good option for you. Important: there are some classes are excluded from the Fall 2020 Flexible Grading Policy.

### **What is the flexible grading policy?**

The flexible grading policy applies to *all students* (undergraduate and non-degree). Under the flexible grading policy, after final grades are posted by faculty, you can choose to convert the traditional letter grade you earned in ***most*** classes (any grade from B+ to F), into a grade of Credit (“CR”) or No Credit (“NC”). When you elect this option, your letter grades of B+ to D- will convert to “CR” while your letter grades of F will convert to “NC.” Unlike traditional letter grades, which affect your grade point average (“GPA”), grades of CR or NC will not factor into your GPA.

Please click [here](#) for CUNYfirst instructions on how to opt-in.

### **What classes are EXCLUDED from the Fall 2020 flexible grading policy?**

Click [here](#) to view the list of classes excluded from the Fall 2020 flexible grading policy

### **Do I have to use the flexible grading policy?**

No. It is important you understand that using the flexible grading policy is not mandatory. You can select this **option** for any eligible course. You can also choose to keep whatever traditional letter grades you earn.

### **What should you do right now?**

It is highly recommended that you **communicate with your Success Coach/Academic Advisor** prior to choosing the CR/NC option. You can opt into the flexible grading policy as of **Thursday, December 24, 2020**, after your final grades post to CUNYfirst. The University has established the deadline of **Tuesday, January 12, 2021** for declaring your CR/NC option under the Fall 2020 flexible grading policy.

### **What is the process for declaring a CR/NC grade?**

The University has created a process in CUNYfirst that will allow you to use a drop-down menu to select an eligible course and the original grade submitted by your professor. Once you have made your selection(s), submit your request to have the letter grade converted to a CR/NC grade. Please remember this submission **is final**. Students will not be able to make changes to their requests, once submitted. Be sure to work with your Success Coach/Academic Advisor to ensure that you have made the best decision for you.

The University has created a “FAQs” document regarding the Flexible Grading Policy that you can access by clicking [here](#).

### **What do you need to consider when making this decision?**

To assist you with this decision reach out to your **Success Coach/Academic Advisor** and the **Financial Aid Office** to ask questions about how this may affect your degree plan 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. Click [here](#), for CR/NC Financial Aid “FAQs”.

### **When should you consider NOT declaring a CR/NC grade option?**

If any of the following scenarios or a combination of these exist, **speak with your Success Coach/Academic Advisor** and strongly consider **not** declaring the option:

1. **Graduating students with GPA below 2.0:** If your major GPA and/or cumulative GPA is currently below a 2.0 and you are graduating this Spring, this may not be a good option for you. This is because earning a high passing letter grade may allow you to raise your GPA over 2.0. If you opt for a “CR” grade, your GPA may stay the same or not be sufficiently raised to 2.0. You will not be able to graduate or receive a degree from the College with a GPA below 2.0.
2. **Veteran Students Using the GI Bill:** The University Director of Veterans Services, Lisa Beatha, has notified the colleges that veterans who choose this option may owe a debt to the VA. Contact the campus Veterans Certifying Official **prior** to declaring the CR/NC option. At Hostos, our certifying official is Cruz Esquilin who can be reached at, [cesquilin@hostos.cuny.edu](mailto:cesquilin@hostos.cuny.edu).

If in doubt, it is best to speak with your **Success Coach/Academic Advisor**. You can also email any additional questions to [enrollment@hostos.cuny.edu](mailto:enrollment@hostos.cuny.edu).

We will do our best to help provide you with clear answers.

Stay focused on your studies! We are here to help guide you through the successful completion of this semester.

<https://www.hostos.cuny.edu/Hostos/media/Downloadable-Files/Ready-CR-NC-F20-List-of-Excluded-Courses.pdf>



Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Faculty and Staff

From: Dr. Charles I. Drago, Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Re: List of Excluded Courses

Date: December 16, 2020

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This is the official list of Hostos Community College courses that are excluded from the CUNY CR/NC flexible grading policy for the fall 2020 academic semester.

**Excluded Courses in Allied Health Sciences** - Letter grades are required for all Allied Health Sciences courses. There are no exceptions. The courses listed below are sequenced for fall 2020 and cannot be taken as CR/NC courses.

### **Dental Hygiene**

DEN 110 Oral Anatomy and Physiology  
DEN 111 Head and Neck Anatomy  
DEN 112 Clinical Dental Hygiene Practice I  
DEN 210 General and Oral Pathology  
DEN 211 Periodontology  
DEN 212 Dental Health Education  
DEN 213 Advanced Clinical Hygiene Practice  
DEN 219 Clinic II

### **Nursing**

NUR 110 LPN Clinical Nursing I  
NUR 111 Pharmacology  
NUR 112 Maternal/Child  
NUR 216 Fundamentals of Nursing Practice

NUR 220 Pharmacology  
 NUR 227 Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family I  
 NUR 228 Nursing care of the Childrearing Family II  
 NUR 316 Nursing Care of the Client with Mental Illness  
 NUR 317 Nursing Care of the Adult I  
 NUR 320 Nursing Trends and Issues  
 NUR 326 Nursing Care of the Adult II

**Radiologic Technology**

XRA 110 Radiography I  
 XRA 111 Radiologic Science I  
 XRA 112 Radiologic Physics  
 XRA 113 Topographic Anatomy I  
 XRA 114 Professional Practice Issues in Diagnostic Imaging  
 XRA 210 Radiation Biology  
 XRA 211 Advanced Procedures I  
 XRA 219 Clinical Radiography III

As to the Credit/No credit courses, students can apply to nursing, radiologic technology, or dental hygiene but **preference will be given to those with a letter grade**. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Program Coordinators of the Allied Health Programs.

Professor King	Nursing	eking@hostos.cuny.edu
Professor Stelmark	Radiologic Technology	jstelmark@hostos.cuny.edu
Professor Rayman	Dental Hygiene	srayman@hostos.cuny.edu

**Excluded Common Core Courses for Allied Health Students** – Allied Health students cannot opt into CR/NC grades for these courses.

BIO 230 - Anatomy & Physiology I  
 BIO 240 - Anatomy & Physiology II  
 BIO 310 - Microbiology  
 CHE 105 - Introduction to General Chemistry  
 CHE 110 - Introduction to Chemistry  
 CHE 120 - Principles of Organic Chemistry  
 MAT 105 - Mathematics for Allied Health Sciences  
 MAT 120 - Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning

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**Excluded Courses for Engineering and Courses for Forensic**

**Science Students** – A letter grade is required for all sections.

MAT 210 - Calculus I

MAT 220 - Calculus II

MAT 310 - Calculus III

MAT 320 - Linear Algebra & Vector Analysis

MAT 360 - Differential Equations

ENGR 204 - Electric Circuits

CSC 215 - Modern Programming

CHE 210 - General Chemistry ICHE 220 - General Chemistry II

PHY 210 – General Physics I

PHY 220 - General Physics II

CHE 310 - Organic Chemistry I

CHE 312 - Organic Chemistry I Lab

CHE 320 - Organic Chemistry II

CHE 322 - Organic Chemistry II Lab

ENGR 106 - Introduction to Earth & Atmospheric Science

BIO 210 – General Biology I

BIO 220 – General Biology II