Academic Grading Options for the Spring 2020 Semester
Undergraduate and Graduate Courses

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed extraordinary challenges for Ball State students. As a commitment to the continuing success of our students, we've passed guidelines for course grade options for the Spring 2020 semester.

Ball State has approved an exception to the current credit/no credit grade policy. With some exceptions, undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester will have the option to request a grade of credit (CR) or no credit (NC) for courses.

Students may request a CR/NC grade to replace a letter grade after final grades have posted. Final grades will be available for students on May 7. Once grades are posted, students have until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13 to submit a CR/NC form.

For undergraduate courses, students who earn a letter grade of A+ to C- will receive a CR grade. Undergraduate students who earn lower than a C- will receive a NC grade. Undergraduate students may request up to 15 hours of CR/NC.

For graduate courses, students who earn a letter grade of A+ to B will receive a CR grade. Any letter grade of B- or lower will receive a NC grade. This request must also be approved by the student’s program director. Graduate students may request up to 6 hours of CR/NC.

Some programs have chosen to exclude certain courses from the CR/NC option because of accreditation, licensure, or other external reasons. These decisions are final.

Requests for a grade be converted to CR/NC will be reviewed by a student’s academic advisor. The advisors may reach out to students via email to discuss any potential implications associated with the request.

Guidelines
Passing grades for courses completed in Spring 2020 will count for any and all degrees, admissions indexes, and pre-requisite requirements internal to Ball State. However,
courses taken for a CR/NC grade in the Spring 2020 semester do not count in the maximum overall 15 credit-hour limit for CR/NC.

The choice to request CR/NC is a serious one. Students who know they intend to go on to graduate school, medical school, or law school should consult with an advisor before requesting for a CR/NC grade since many schools will not accept them on an undergraduate transcript. Students who are on a scholarship that requires a certain GPA, or students who are close to earning 180 hours on a 120 program and are on a financial aid package, should consult with the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office before making any decisions.
Please review our guidelines before making a decision.

Ball State encourages students to continue communication with their instructors about course activities. Students need to reach out to academic advisors with any questions about their continued progress toward their selected degree.