

Dear Campus Community,

Due to the unprecedented disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic and the effect it is having on UW-Parkside students, faculty and staff, the Offices of the Chancellor and Provost, in consultation with the University Committee have made the decision to adopt an opt-in credit/no credit grading system for the spring 2020 semester. While realizing it is not ideal, we believe that this system will provide maximum benefit to the greatest number of students. A communication that will be sent to students on Monday is attached. It provides a detailed description of the interim grading system, and advises students to seek the advice of faculty and advisors before opting in to the CR/NC system, as we realize this may have implications for veterans and for students who plan on applying to graduate and professional programs, are seeking licensure, need adequate preparation for the next course in a series, etc.

For faculty and instructional academic staff, the basic elements of the grading system are as follows:

1. Except for courses that are already listed as CR/NC, you will enter letter grades, A through F, as you normally would and at the normal time.
2. After receiving their grades, students will have the option to change any A through F graded course to the CR/NC system. Students will communicate their decisions to the Office of the Registrar.
3. For students electing the CR/NC option for individual courses, grades of A through D- will be converted to CR and grades of F will be converted to NC. The grade conversions will be made by the Registrar.
4. For any course requiring a minimum grade as a prerequisite for another course or as a graduation requirement, the grade of CR will replace the minimum grade requirement for the courses taken in the spring 2020 semester. And yes, this means that for this semester a student might be assigned a lower grade than is required to graduate or to move into the the next course, but will still be able to do so if they elect the CR grade in place of a C-, D+, D or D-.

For advisors and others who work directly with students, please advise them carefully about electing the CR/NC grade, as it may affect their applications to post-graduate programs, eligibility for veterans' benefits, etc. We encourage you to communicate separately with specific student groups to advise them of the potential ramifications of CR grades on their transcripts, and to consult with faculty on these communications. We do not want students to receive different messages from faculty and advisors.

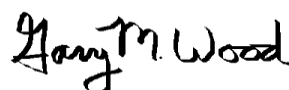
We understand that this is a significant departure from our normal practice, but we are confident that we will all continue to work together to enable students to progress and graduate in a timely manner while preserving the integrity of our academic programs.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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