

Spring 2020 Undergraduate/Graduate Grading Plan

Due to the unprecedented nature that the COVID-19 pandemic and the university, city, state, and federal mandates associated with it are having on the student body at UW Parkside and with the consent of the UW Parkside University Committee and the Offices of the Chancellor and Provost, UW Parkside is enacting the following modifications to the grading policy for both undergraduate and graduate students at UW Parkside for the Spring 2020 Semester:

A. Grading Modifications for students for Spring 2020

- Instructors will report a letter grade (A-F) for every student in the course as normal. Courses already designated as CR/NC grading will remain as such. These grades must be received by the standard deadline of **Wednesday, May 20th at 4:30pm.**
- **Students may elect whether they want to take any course in which they are currently enrolled as Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) grading rather than letter grading (A-F).**
 - Once the election is made, it cannot be reversed.
 - The student will not receive a letter grade (A-F) for any course taken as CR/NC. Grades of A thru D- will translate to a grade of CR and grades of F will translate to a grade of NC for **undergraduate students. Grades of A thru C will translate to a grade of CR and grades of D-F will translate to a grade of NC for graduate students.**
 - A course graded as CR/NC will not be calculated into the student's GPA.
- The deadline for students to elect to take any course under the CR/NC grading option is **Wednesday, May 27, 2020.** This selection does not require instructor, Departmental, or College approval.
 - **Students will receive instructions by email in early May about how to make this election.**
 - Courses that completed in the first 7-week session are not eligible.
 - **Students are strongly encouraged to consult their faculty advisor/mentor and academic advisor before making this election to fully understand the impact for finances, veterans' benefits, as well as current and future academic planning including licensure programs, graduate and professional school applications, etc.**

- Requests to change to CR/NC grading will not be processed until after the May 27th deadline. It may take up to two weeks to complete the processing depending on the number of requests. Students should check their grades in SOLAR before ordering transcripts.
- Students who opt to take an Incomplete for a Spring 2020 must also adhere to the Wednesday, May 27, 2020 deadline to change to CR/NC grading even though a grade has not yet been assigned by the instructor.
- Instructors will not be informed that the CR/NC grading option has been elected and will assign a letter grade (A-F) in the usual manner by the grading deadline.
- For Spring 2020 only, courses graded as CR/NC can be used to satisfy major, minor, General Education, foreign language, and skills requirements.
- Graduation clearance processes will not be delayed but, the actual posting of the degree may be delayed if the student opts to change their grading basis. Graduating students will be contacted in May to help identify if there are any individuals that need special consideration related to this timeline.

B. Courses with Prerequisites

- Courses with a CR grade for Spring 2020 that serve as a prerequisite for other courses taken in subsequent semesters will be deemed to have fulfilled that prerequisite requirement.
 - **However, students should be aware that it is not the grade, but what is learned in prerequisite courses that is necessary for success in a subsequent course.**

C. Incompletes and Academic Standing

- Students who received an Incomplete grade for courses taken in Fall 2019 or Winterim 2020 will be given an additional semester to fulfill the requirements of their Incomplete grade (extended to the end Fall 2020).
- Students who opt to take an Incomplete for a Spring 2020 must also adhere to the Wednesday, May 27, 2020 deadline to change to CR/NC grading even though a grade has not yet been assigned by the instructor.
- Academic standing processes will not be run until after the CR/NC requests have been processed.

D. Financial Aid Implications

- Scholarship renewal requirements related to cumulative or semester GPA have been waived.
- [Satisfactory Academic Progress \(SAP\)](#) will still be assessed at the end of Spring Semester for all enrolled students.
- Impact on GPA component of SAP:
 - To remain in good standing, a term GPA of 2.0 or above is required
 - A student who elects a mix of CR/NC and graded courses will have a term GPA based on graded courses only.
 - A student who elects all CR/NC courses will calculate with a 0.00 term GPA, and should notify Financial Aid to avoid SAP implications
- Impact on Timeframe
 - Students have 150% of the scheduled length of their academic program to complete
 - A program requiring 120 credit hours to graduate must be completed within 180 credit hours of attempted coursework
 - CR/NC grades will count towards the 180 credit hour limit.
- Impact on Pace component of SAP
 - Students must maintain a cumulative completion rate, or pace, of 67%, meaning that of the courses the student has started, credit was earned for 67% or more.
 - Courses recorded as NC will count as an attempted (started) courses, but not completed which could negatively impact SAP
 - Courses recorded as CR will count as attempted and completed, positively impacting pace of completion

Students who fail to meet SAP after the spring semester will be notified and given the opportunity to appeal if this results in loss of aid eligibility.

E. Academic Deadlines

- Registration for Fall 2020 semester opens April 13.
- Registration for Summer Sessions has begun.
- The deadline for students to elect to take a course under the CR/NC for Spring 2020 is May 27, 2020.

