Frequently Asked Questions
Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) Option

How will I be graded in my courses?
For any full-semester or second-half semester Spring 2020 course, you can change the grade option through April 24 via academic petition. At the conclusion of the semester, the Registrar will update any grades for which you have requested the credit/no credit (CR/NC) option. You will indicate which grades (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C) you want replaced by a CR grade if you choose the CR/NC option on the credit/no credit form. Note that if you choose this option, you will earn a NC for a C- or below grade.

Will this affect my degree progress?
Undergraduate students need to maintain an average GPA of 2.00 to make degree progress. In some cases, it will be better to earn grades, so it is critical to discuss with your academic advisor before deciding to change grade options.

What are examples of why I should not to switch to CR/NC?
Each student’s degree progress is based on his/her major and degree requirements.

- If you have a grade of CR, you cannot repeat it.
- A grade of an A or B is a greater benefit to your GPA than a CR.
- A grade of a C- or D may meet a degree requirement if not a prerequisite to another course. A NC grade does not.
- A NC grade does not earn units; if units are needed for athletic or financial aid eligibility, it may be better to keep a letter grade of C- or D.
- A grade of NC is helpful to the GPA if you expect to earn a grade of F.

Will changing my grade to credit/no credit affect my financial aid?
Courses taken credit/no credit will still count toward pace of progression and maximum time frame for satisfactory academic progress. Grades of credit/no credit will not impact GPA; however, a no credit grade can negatively impact pace of progression. Please review the satisfactory academic progress policy for more details and consult with student financial services.

I am a Mariner athlete. Will this affect my eligibility?
Discuss with Trenna Hill, the faculty athlete representative, to determine if this is a viable option for you. Please note that a course where credit is earned will count toward units for eligibility, but will not impact your GPA.
I am an international student. Will this change have an impact on my visa status?
No. As long as you remain enrolled full-time, changing how the course is graded will not impact your status. It may impact your degree progress, so be sure to discuss with your academic advisor or Ryan O’Connell, director of international student services.

What if I need to earn letter grades for professional programs, graduate school or employment?
Consult with your advisor, graduate school or professional program for guidance, or opt to keep the letter grade.

How will this change my GPA?
A credit/no credit grade is not calculated in the GPA. Your current GPA would not change.

What if I change my mind after April 24 or when I see my final grades? Can I make this request after April 24 or change back to a letter grade?
The petition to receive a CR/NC grade must be received by April 24. On the form, you will indicate for what letter grade(s) you want to get a CR or NC grade instead of a letter grade. Once you have made that choice and submitted the form, the petition is final.

How can I make the change to credit/no credit grading?
Complete an academic petition and the request CR/NC form with your advisor. Forms are available at the Registrar Forms Center. In completing the form, you need to indicate whether you wish a letter grade or credit/no credit grade for each of your courses. Approval is required. In addition to your signature, you must also have signatures from your academic advisor and the vice president of student affairs. Your academic advisor will assist you through the process. The Registrar will change the grade after the final grade is posted based on the information you provide on the form.

If I get a CR instead of a letter grade, would I still be eligible for the Dean's List?
Yes, however, students earning an NC grade in a course will not eligible for the Dean's List in that term.