

Bronx Community College
2020-2021 College Catalog

ADDENDUM

SPECIAL COVID-19 FLEXIBLE GRADING POLICY FOR THE FALL 2020 SEMESTER

The City University of New York has authorized the use of the Special COVID-19 Flexible Grading Policy, also known as the Credit/No Credit Policy, for the Fall 2020 term. Bronx Community College has chosen to offer this option to students, while excluding a small number of courses for CR/NC grading.

The main components of the Credit/No Credit Policy are as follows:

1. During the Fall 2020 semester, all students enrolled in courses with the CR/NC policy shall have the option to convert some or all of the (B+ through F) letter grades they earn in these classes to Credit/No Credit grading.
2. Students will be able to make this decision for eligible courses between December 24, 2020 and January 12, 2021. Once selected, the CR/NC option cannot be reversed. Any changes to the dates of this opt-in window will be communicated in a timely fashion.
3. If a student chooses to exercise this option for an eligible course, a passing letter grade (B+ through D-) will convert to 'CR' with credit for the class being awarded, while a failing grade (F) will convert to 'NC', with no credit awarded. Credit/No Credit grades will not impact the student's GPA.
4. Courses taken for a letter grade will continue to be included in the semester and general GPA, while courses taken for a Credit/No Credit grade will be excluded, just as is the case with such courses taken at a student's home institution.
5. If a student exercises the option of Credit/No Credit, the Credit (CR) grade will not negatively impact the student's progress toward degree completion.
6. Students with Credit/No Credit grades will be able to transfer those courses across colleges within CUNY, per current CUNY policy.
7. The Fall 2020 CR/NC Policy shall apply to coursework completed on Permit and will not affect Board of Trustees Policy 1.14 - Policy on Coursework Completed on Permit.
8. Students placed on academic probation by their institution at the start of the Fall 2020 semester who choose Credit/No Credit grades shall not be penalized with academic dismissal based upon their grades earned this semester.

9. The Fall 2020 CR/NC Policy shall not affect the University standards of student retention and progress in accordance with Board of Trustees Policy 1.26.
10. Before choosing this grading option for one or more of their classes, students shall consult with their academic and financial aid advisors regarding potential impact to their financial aid, licensure requirements, and graduate school admissions.
11. Except for courses explicitly excluded by a College from application, the policy shall supersede and override all undergraduate and graduate program-level grading policies currently in effect at CUNY colleges and schools, including those related to required and elective courses within the major, minor, general education (Pathways), pre-requisite courses, honors courses, courses taken on permit and maximum number of credits that a student can earn with Credit/No Credit grades.
12. The grade glossary, attached to each transcript, will be updated to include a notation denoting that all Fall 2020 grades, including CR or NC, were earned during a major disruption to instruction as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please note that Bronx Community College has excluded the following courses from CR/NC grading due to accreditation, licensure, and/or minimum grade standards that makes A through F letter grades essential:

- BIO 15
- CLE*
- MLT*
- NMT*
- NUR*
- PHM 10
- RAD*

*All courses offered with this prefix are excluded.

Note, as well, that CR/NC grading is not offered in noncredit courses and workshops (e.g., MTH 1, 5, 6; ENG 1, 2, 4; RDL 1, 2, 4; CHM 2; ESL 2, 3).