



# Grading Options Pandemic–Era Policies For Faculty Advisors

The COVID 19 pandemic has disrupted students' educational experiences. In an effort to reduce the adverse effects on their academic progress, students have been offered flexibility to choose different grading options.

## **Special Grading Options**

- Students may change Grading Options for any course up to a late-term date
- Courses only available for C/NC still may not be taken for a letter grade
- Students may change Grading Options without requesting instructor permission
- Courses passed for Credit must be accepted in all undergraduate degree programs, regardless of catalogue

Terms for which this policy is in place so far:

- Spring 2020
- Fall 2020
- Spring 2021
- Fall 2021

## **What Special Grading Options mean for Advising Dialogues:**

Students using Financial Aid should consult with their Financial Aid counselor before changing courses with the expectation of receiving a grade of NC, as financial aid regulations for units earned toward degree are not suspended currently and still apply

- The university has more latitude, and we have been working with students whose lack of degree progress affects academic standing by offering more robust forgiveness

Student progress toward degree should be tracked with these in mind

- Previous semesters distinct w/ C/NC, students may be confused
- Catalogue language does not reflect this temporary policy, students may be confused

Students planning graduate program applications may need additional advice on the potential impact of Credit grades on the undergraduate transcript

## **Attachments**

- Recently developed email to faculty
- Recently developed email to students
- Resolutions from each term in Senate approving Temporary Policy

***“Students using financial aid should consult their financial aid counselor ...”***

***“Students planning graduate program applications may need additional advice...”***

