A one-time grading policy exception for the spring 2020 semester

What is the policy?

In light of Gordon’s decision to transition to remote instruction through technology-enhanced learning and in recognition of the national and personal challenges due to COVID-19, the Academic Programs Committee approved a one-time grading policy to provide students with access to the Credit (CR) / No Credit (NC) grading option for the spring 2020 semester.

What does this mean?

CR: Students earning the equivalent of a “D–” or better will be awarded a grade of “CR” (credit). The “CR” carries no grade points and is NOT computed into a student’s semester or cumulative grade point averages (GPAs). It does, however, confer earned credit hours.

NC: Students earning the equivalent of an “F” will be awarded a grade of “NC” (no credit). The “NC” carries no grade points and is NOT computed into a student’s semester or cumulative grade point averages (GPAs). It does NOT confer earned credit hours.

How do I apply this policy to my course(s)?

On May 26, 2020, faculty will submit final grades. After final grades are posted on my.gordon, undergraduate students have from May 26 to June 2 to apply Credit (CR) or No Credit (NC) to one or more of their spring 2020 courses. There is no limit on the number of spring 2020 courses/credits allowed to be taken CR/NC.

An online form will be made available to students who want to opt-in to this grading policy exception.

Do I need my advisor’s approval?

No, but it is strongly recommended that students consult with advisors regarding different areas of study.

How long do I have to decide?

We want students to make an informed decision. They will have from May 26 to June 2 to opt into this grading policy exception. The decision to switch to CR/NC is irreversible. A student cannot opt back into an A-F letter grade after June 2.