

FAQ
Resolution on CR/NC Cap and Total for AY 20-21
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If I switch all my classes to CR/NC and stop participating, will my grade point and financial aid be protected?

Regardless of your grading mode, if you stop participating in class, your instructor will enter a grade of “WU” (unauthorized withdrawal) and indicate the last date of your participation in class. If you cease participation in all of your classes during the term, you may be required to return a portion of your financial aid.

Is CR/NC Advisable for all students

For some groups of students (e.g., veteran students, student athletes, students considering graduate or professional school in certain fields), using the CR/NC option is not advisable. Every student should work very closely with their advisor on this decision, while taking into account all aspects of academic standing, financial aid, etc.

How do Letter Grades Translate to either Credit or No Credit?

When "credit/no-credit" mode is chosen, “Credit” is earned for grades of C- or higher. “No credit” is earned for grades of D+, D, or F. If a student has chosen the optional “credit/no-credit” in lieu of a letter grade, the instructor enters the letter grade and the system will convert as applicable (or not) to the mode the student has chosen.

- For UGRD students, "no credit" is earned for grades of D+, D, F, FD or WU.
- For PBAC students, "no credit" is earned for grades of C+, C, C-, D+, D, F, FD or WU.

In non-COVID times, Major courses with an *optional* grade mode cannot be taken credit/no-credit to meet major requirements. If a Senate Resolution is approved for AY 20-21 (as one was in Spring 2020), then major courses *will* earn credit with optional grade mode set to credit/no-credit (per the notations above) and meet the major requirements.

How does this compare with Electives Units?

A “D” or “D+” letter grade will earn credit in certain degree requirements such as GE (except the golden four, see below), some electives, and even some majors and minors - refer to HSU Catalog. If the student has chosen “credit/no-credit” and earned a “D or D+”, the “D or D+” will convert to “no-credit” and thus not count in GE nor anywhere else.

How does this compare with the Golden Four (Basic Subjects)?

In the Golden Four, a minimum grade of “C-“ is needed for credit. Ergo, a letter grade of “C- or higher” will earn credit in the Golden Four, as will a student who has chosen credit/no-credit as the “C- or higher“ will convert to credit.

Can Faculty Set the Threshold for Credit/No Credit?

Faculty cannot set the bar regarding threshold for credit, per se (i.e, cannot declare that one must “have a C to earn credit in this course.”) However, faculty can most certainly set the bar for the # of points or % of points that determine a particular letter grade in their graded course (e.g.; 70% = D+; 73% = C-) or in their mandatory credit/no-credit course (e.g. 73% = CR). *For Fall 2020, the letter grade thresholds should already be set in your syllabus. For Spring 2021, if the Senate passed the resolution under consideration, faculty members could make adjustments to typical thresholds they use.*

Mandatory CR/NC Classes and Grade Entry

On mandatory CR/NC classes, no letter grade is entered: the instructor has the options to enter CR, NC, WU, I, RP, or FD (Fail - Academic Dishonesty).

A Final note:

Note...Credit is credit is credit. In an optional grade mode course, a C- for credit is the same as an A for credit. Ergo...any major, minor, concentration, or passion strand with a “minimum grade of “X” ...no matter *what* that letter grade is will earn credit (or no-credit) per the rules above.