

## FAQ: Spring 2020 CR/NCR Grading Option

CR= Credit

NCR= No Credit

### 1. How do I opt into CR or NCR for a class?

Lisa Cucarese, the Registrar, sent an email on Tuesday, April 21 to all students with the forms that you and your advisor will need to complete to change a grade to CR or NCR. Please note that there are three forms: one for comping seniors, one for seniors who are graduating and have already completed comprehensives, and one for all other students. You will need to make sure that you complete the correct form.

Your responsibility is to send the form to the Registrar. She will secure permission of your advisor.

### 2. What does CR or NCR do to my GPA?

CR and NCR courses on your transcript do not affect your GPA. Before deciding to take a class as CR/NCR, however, you should look at your cumulative GPA at the end of the Fall 2019 semester. Any grade that is lower than that GPA is one you should consider converting to Credit/No Credit. Any grade that is higher than that GPA is better to leave as a letter grade. If you follow that guideline, your cumulative GPA after the Spring 2020 should be no lower than, but could be higher than your cumulative Fall 2019 GPA.

### 3. How do I know whether my GPA is higher or lower than a particular grade?

Check your transcript on Student Self-Service now (before any grades post) and make a note of your cumulative GPA. When comparing that GPA to a particular class grade, remember the value of each letter grade:

A = 4.0	C = 2.0
A- = 3.75	C- = 1.75
B+ = 3.25	D+ = 1.25
B = 3.0	D = 1.0
B- = 2.75	D- = 0.75
C+ = 2.25	F = 0.0

Any grade worth a value lower than your current GPA would make sense to replace as a Credit or No Credit score.

### 4. How does this policy affect me if I'm on Academic Probation or if I was re-admitted on appeal after being Academically Dismissed?

If you are already on Academic Probation, you need to make sure that you are making progress in raising your cumulative GPA from Fall 2019. If a grade is lower than your current GPA, you should consider converting that to CR/NCR.

The communication from the Academic Standards Committee that placed you on probation after the Fall semester indicated what you needed to do to return to academic good standing. You still need to reach any benchmarks designated in that communication by *raising* your GPA this semester. That is why you should count letter grades that are higher than your current GPA.

- 5. If I take a class for CR/NCR, will it still count toward my progress towards graduation?**  
Classes that are converted to CR will still count for satisfying your major, minor, and any Bethany core for which they would normally count.

Classes that are converted to NCR will NOT count as satisfying your major, minor, or any Bethany core for which they would normally count, but they also will not result in lowering your GPA.

- 6. Can I opt to turn a failing grade into NCR?**  
Yes, you can turn an F into NCR. Please remember that classes that are converted to NCR will NOT count as satisfying your major, minor, or any Bethany core for which they would normally count.

These courses also will not count as successfully completed for meeting the financial aid "Satisfactory Academic Progress" requirements.

- 7. What grade is the cutoff for CR?**  
A D- is the cutoff to apply for CR. Grading scales vary by instructor, so check the syllabus for the class in question to see what the grading scale is for that class.

- 8. What if my advisor won't sign off on changing a grade to CR/NCR?**  
You may appeal the decision to the Academic Standards Committee. All appeals should include the appropriate form and reason for wanting the grade changed and should be submitted to Prof. Pandel Collaros, Chair of the Academic Standards Committee via email at [pcollaros@bethanywv.edu](mailto:pcollaros@bethanywv.edu).

Comping seniors should submit appeals by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, 2020.  
Other graduating seniors should submit appeals by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2020.  
Underclassmen should submit their appeals by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

- 9. How soon can I opt into changing my grade to CR/NCR?**  
CR/NCR forms WILL NOT be accepted until AFTER final grades have been posted.

Final grades are due by close of business on  
Monday, April 27, 2020 for comping seniors  
Monday, May 4, 2020 for graduating seniors who are not comping  
Monday, May 11, 2020 for all other students

**10. How will this policy affect my athletic eligibility?**

You must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 to be eligible for participation in varsity athletics. If your current GPA as of the end of the Fall 2019 semester was below 2.0, you must raise that GPA to at least 2.0 this semester to be eligible for athletic participation in Fall 2020.

**11. How will this policy affect my Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standing?**

You must still achieve and maintain a GPA of 2.0 and complete at least 67% of your credits with a passing grade in order to remain in good financial aid standing. SAP status will not be reviewed until after the deadline for changing grades to CR/NCR.

**12. What is the deadline changing a grade to CR/NCR?**

Graduating Seniors who are sitting for Comprehensive Exams: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 by 4:30 p.m.

Graduating Seniors who are not sitting for Comprehensive Exams: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 by 4:30 p.m.

Undergraduate and Masters students: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 by 4:30 p.m.

All forms should be sent to [registrar@bethanywv.edu](mailto:registrar@bethanywv.edu)