

Emergency Grading Accommodation for Undergraduate Students in Spring 2020 Semester

Due to the extraordinary circumstances of COVID-19 pandemic, for the Spring 2020 semester, UWM will expand the Credit/No Credit (C/NC) option for undergraduate students. This expansion allows students to take as many of their Spring 2020 courses as they would like with the C/NC grading option, as long as the course has not been determined under this emergency policy as ineligible for C/NC by a home school, college, department or program. Students will be able to change to the C/NC option after final grades have been given. Schools/colleges should apply this emergency policy as liberally as they can, but should make decisions on courses that are ineligible for the C/NC option in compliance with program standards and requirements of accreditation and licensing boards.

Procedural aspects:

1. Current limitations on the number and types of courses taken with C/NC option are suspended for Spring 2020 semester. Undergraduate courses that will be eligible for C/NC include U/G courses taken by undergraduate students for undergraduate credit, courses in majors, minors, and certificates, and courses that have pre-requisite requirements of a C grade or higher.
2. Schools/colleges will designate undergraduate courses that are ineligible for C/NC option. The list of courses ineligible for C/NC option under the emergency grading accommodation for Spring 2020 will be published by each school/college on or before April 14, 2020.
3. The current requirement of a C- grade to gain credit in C/NC option will be enforced.
4. Semester and program level credit limits on C/NC option will be suspended for Spring 2020 semester.
5. All courses will be graded as usual and every student will be assigned a letter grade in each course. The grades will be submitted on or before the grade submission deadline which is May 21, 2020. If students have opted for the C/NC option, those letter grades will be converted to C/NC.
6. Students may opt for the C/NC option for eligible courses from the time this policy takes effect until July 3, 2020. Undergraduate students may confirm their option of C/NC grading for eligible courses taken in the Spring 2020 semester by completing a form available in their respective advising offices no later than July 3, 2020. Students are encouraged to contact their advisors with questions.
7. Students who were making satisfactory progress in a course prior to March 14, 2020 may submit a request to the instructor to receive an Incomplete grade. Such students will receive a letter grade upon completion of the work. For students receiving an Incomplete grade in the Spring 2020 semester, the deadline for completion of work to convert the Incomplete grade will be extended to the end of 2021 UWinteriM term.

Assumptions:

- Regardless of the grading basis used, reasonable adherence to the UWM credit hour policy specifying time and effort expectations is required for each course whether offered remotely or face-to-face.
- The student learning outcomes established for the course must be met and should not be altered based on the change in grading basis.