

## SoNHS Additional Information Regarding Cr/NC Spring 2020

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Dear SoNHS Students,

The impact of COVID-19 has far reaching implications, especially when pursuing professional education. With this in mind, we carefully and strongly encourage students to work intensely to achieve passing letter grades for all courses that are required for your respective major. The following information is based on the fact that a credit/no-credit may:

- Necessitate repeating a course to progress in your respective program
- Impact degree requirements for graduation
- Influence required GPA for UMKC graduation
- Hinder eligibility for future graduate education

**SoNHS program specific information as to how the credit/no-credit option could impact the above factors is located at the SoNHS website, Student Services tab <https://sonhs.umkc.edu/student-services/> under COVID-19 SoNHS FAQs. Before you make any decision to choose a credit/no-credit option, please contact your academic advisor. Please, also, refer to the [UMKC COVID-19 Credit or No Credit website](#).**

Best regards,



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## FAQ for all SoNHS Students

### **FAQ for all Students (Please refer to Program Specific FAQ below):**

#### **Can I get a refund for my Spring 2020 classes?**

We realize that remote delivery of coursework may be a different learning experience than you anticipated when the semester began. Please be patient and open to this new approach. UMKC will not be refunding tuition or course fees as courses, grades, and credit are still offered. Likewise, student fees will not be refunded. Our goal is to assist you to successfully complete the semester.

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### **Can I receive a withdraw fail (WF) if I withdraw by the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 deadline?**

No. Regardless of course standing, undergraduate and graduate students who withdraw by the deadline will receive a withdraw (W).

### **If I was unable to take action to request CR/NR or Withdraw from a course within the deadlines posted, is there the possibility of further review?**

Petitions for late/retroactive withdrawal can include the current pandemic as an “extenuating circumstance beyond the student’s control” without further documentation. The UMKC committee will expedite reviews at the conclusion of Spring 2020 to lessen impact on academic standing review.

Approved retroactive withdrawal petitions, under the pandemic extenuating circumstance, will result in an “X” by the assigned grade recorded on the student transcript for all approved courses, thereby removing the grade from the student’s GPA calculation.

### **Will my classes be converted to credit CR/NC automatically?**

No. You must opt-in to CR/NC grading option between **8:00 AM May 18, 2020 - June 5, 2020 at 5:00 PM.**

### **May I elect to complete those courses as Credit or No Credit once my final grades are posted?**

Yes, but be sure to **talk with your advisor** about this option.

All students are eligible for this option. The potential value of electing this option is that grades of CR or NC do not earn grade points and they do not affect the grade-point average. If you are concerned that a grade will have negative impact on your GPA it is worth discussing this option with your advisor. Please consider:

- A grade of C- or better must be earned to earn credit (A grade of CR will be posted to your transcript with no impact to your GPA)
- D and F grades receive no credit (A Grade of NC will be posted to your transcript with no impact to your GPA)

While with the regular grading option an earned grade of D (including D+ or D-) results in the completion of credit hours toward your degree completion, these credit hours will not contribute toward completed degree hours if you elect the credit/no credit grading option and receive a No Credit (NC) grade for the course.

### **Do I have to take all of my classes as CR/NC?**

No. You can apply the CR/NC option to some and not to others.

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### **Do I get to choose whether I get a CR or a NC grade?**

No. You choose the grade option, your instructor assigns the appropriate letter grade according to the grading standards set by your department and college/school. On the backend the grade is then converted to a CR/NC.

*For example, if you earn a B, the instructor will enter the B in Pathway and the grade is then automatically converted to a CR if you chose the CR/NC grading option.*

*Please see additional CR/NC grading details below:*

- CR/NC grades are NOT included in semester or cumulative GPA calculations
- Any grade C- or higher becomes an “CR”
- Any grade D+ or lower becomes a “NC”
- “CR” receives course credit
- “NC” does not receive course credit

### **How could the CR/NC option benefit me?**

If your current performance is substantially lower than your typical performance, or you are at risk of not passing the course, that may be a time to discuss CR/NC options with your advisor or faculty.

### **How could the CR/NC option not benefit me?**

Because there is no GPA calculation associated with CR/NC grading, you will not be able to make up GPA adjustment for academic standing and the CR/NC **may** not be degree applicable. Please see Program Specific FAQ.

### **If I decide to change my course to a CR/NC and then later need to retake the course for a grade, will this impact my eligibility for financial aid?**

Students may only receive federal aid for one repetition of a previously passed course including a CR/NC course. A student that has completed any course once, may only repeat the course one additional time and receive aid. After completing a course twice with a passing grade, they are no longer eligible to receive aid for that course.

It should also be noted that if a student fails a course, they can retake and receive financial aid for the course until they have received a passing grade. Students who fail coursework should review the [Satisfactory Academic Progress policy](#) to ensure that they are maintaining academic progress.

### **Example**

A student takes a course and receives a passing grade of ‘D’, converts it to a CR/NC course, but needs a grade in the course to count towards their degree requirements. The student takes the course again the following semester and earns another

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'D'. Although the student needs to retake the course a third time to earn credit for their degree, they are no longer eligible to receive federal aid for that class.

The student cannot use that course toward enrollment for financial aid purposes. If the same student is taking 12 credits including the 3 credit hours that are considered to be a third repeat, only 9 credits will count toward federal financial aid eligibility. This will affect the student's cost of attendance and may reduce the amount of financial aid the student is eligible to receive.

*NOTE: This policy does not apply to courses in which you are expected to enroll on a continuing basis, such as music lesson courses.*

### **What if I change my mind about electing the CR/NC Option?**

You can change your chosen grade option through between **8:00 AM May 18, 2020 - June 5, 2020 at 5:00 PM**. After that date, your choice is locked in.

### **Is this an CR/NR Option for the online courses I was already taking?**

Yes. We recognize that many facets of life have been affected by this global crisis. Courses that were already offered as online courses are eligible for the CR/NC grading option as well.

### **If I decide to take CR/NR Option, will it impact my scholarship or grant?**

There is potential for this option to impact your scholarship or grant. Please refer back to the requirements. If there is a minimum GPA maintenance needed, this is where the largest impact could occur. Please refer to the financial aid office for assistance.

### **If I decide to take CR/NR Option, will it impact my tuition reimbursement (from employer, etc.)?**

There is potential for this option to impact your tuition reimbursement. Please refer back to the entity reimbursing you to inquire before deciding.

### **Additional questions not answered here or in Program Specific FAQ below?**

Please reach out to your assigned academic advisor to discuss further before deciding.

## PROGRAM SPECIFIC FAQ

### **Undergraduate Health Science Students (BHS & BSPH):**

**BHS/BSPH Students: If I decide to take CR/NR Option in a "HLSC" or "PBHL" degree required course, will it impact progression in my health sciences program (BHS or BSPH)?**

BHS & BSPH students choosing to take this option may apply it toward their BHS or BSPH degrees, as they require a "C- ", or above, in all major degree required "HLSC" and "PBHL"

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courses to be applied towards the degree; however, please discuss with your academic advisor if you're pursuing a professional or advanced degree after completing your undergraduate degree, to learn of potential implications.

### **BHS/BSPH Students: If I decide to take CR/NR Option for my general education courses, can those courses be applied toward my degree for graduation, or will I need to repeat the general education course for a grade?**

BHS & BSPH students choosing to take this option may apply it toward their BHS or BSPH degrees, as they require a "D- ", or above, in all general education courses to be applied towards the degree; however, please discuss with your academic advisor if you're pursuing a professional or advanced degree after completing your undergraduate degree, to learn of potential implications.

### **Undergraduate Nursing Students (Pre-Nurse BHS, BSN PL & BSN AT):**

#### **If I decide to take CR/NR Option, will it impact my admission into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-Licensure or Accelerated) program?**

Yes, if you choose to take this option on any pre-requisite required for admission. The BSN PL/AT program requires a "B- ", or above & a minimum GPA of 2.75 to be considered. If a student chose the option of CR/NR on any pre-requisite course, they would not be eligible for admission, and would need to repeat the course for a letter grade, earning a "B- ", or above.

#### **Undergraduate BSN PL/AT Nursing Students: If I decide to take CR/NR Option in a "NURSE" degree required course, will it impact progression in my nursing program?**

BSN PL & AT students must receive a "B-" grade, or higher, in all "NURSE" courses, in order for the course to be applied toward their degree and to progress in the program. If a student takes CR/NR in a "NURSE" course as BSN PL or AT, they will be required to repeat the course (and potentially be required to do so prior to progressing in the next semester courses), as the CR/NR Option is a C-, or above. Therefore, we highly recommend all BSN PL & AT students to take the letter grade, and avoid having to repeat the course.

#### **BSN PL Students: If I decide to take CR/NR Option for my general education courses, can those courses be applied toward my degree for graduation, or will I need to repeat the general education course for a grade?**

BSN PL students must receive a "C" grade, or higher, in all general education courses once admitted into the nursing program, in order for the course to be applied toward their degree. If a student takes CR/NR in a general education program as BSN PL, they will be required to repeat the course prior to graduating, as the CR/NR Option is a "C- ", or above. Therefore, we highly recommend all BSN PL students to take the letter grade, and avoid having to repeat the general education course.

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### **If I decide to take CR/NR Option, will it impact my admission into a future professional and/or advanced degree program?**

There is a potential for this option to impact future admission into a professional or advanced degree program. If you are seeking enrollment beyond your current degree, please refer to your academic advisor for guidance. Many graduate and professional programs will require a letter grade.

### **Undergraduate Nursing Students (RN-BSN “Currently RN” Online only students): Undergraduate RN-BSN Nursing Students: If I decide to take CR/NR Option in a “NURSE” degree required course, will it impact progression in my nursing program?**

RN-BSN currently RN ONLINE only students may choose to take a CR/NR Option for their “NURSE” course, as a “C- “, or above, is required; however, please bear in mind this may impact future licensure for other states that require a letter grade in “NURSE” courses, and may potentially impact future enrollment in graduate programs.

### **RN-BSN Students: If I decide to take CR/NR Option for my general education courses, can those courses be applied toward my degree for graduation, or will I need to repeat the general education course for a grade?**

RN-BSN currently RN ONLINE only students may choose to take a CR/NR Option for their general education course, as a “C- “, or above, is required; however, please bear in mind this may impact future licensure for other states that require a letter grade in “NURSE” courses, and may potentially impact future enrollment in graduate programs.

### **Graduate Nursing Students (MSN, DNP, PhD & Certificate):**

#### **Graduate Nursing Students: If I decide to take CR/NR Option in a “NURSE” degree required course, will it impact progression in my nursing program (MSN, DNP, PhD & Certificate)?**

Graduate Nursing students must receive a “B” grade, or higher, in all “NURSE” courses, in order for the course to be applied toward their degree and to progress in the program. If a student takes CR/NR in a “NURSE” course as Graduate Nursing student, they will be required to repeat the course (and potentially be required to do so prior to progressing in the next semester courses), as the CR/NR Option is a C-, or above. Therefore, we highly recommend all Graduate Nursing students to take the letter grade, and avoid having to repeat the course.

**Please refer to the School of Nursing & Health Studies Policy & Procedure Manual.**