

# CREDIT/NO CREDIT FAQ

## **What does it mean to opt in for Credit/No Credit grading for classes?**

Due to the necessary transition to online delivery of courses because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the developing hardships this may have caused for many students, Glenville State College is allowing an alternative grading option for the spring 2020 semester only. This option will allow students to choose on a course-by-course basis if their preferred final grade will be CR/NC instead of a letter grade. Grades for classes already being offered on a Credit/No Credit basis will not change.

## **Can I opt in for CR/NC for an individual course or will CR/NC have to be applied to all my courses?**

You can choose the CR/NC option course-by-course. This grade option does not have to be applied to all your courses. For example, if you are enrolled in 15 credits of graded courses, you can select to keep 9 credits with the letter grades and 6 credits of CR/NC. The [CR/NC Opt-In Request](#) will have fields for you to enter the specific courses you are requesting the CR/NC grade option for.

## **How do I request to opt in to receive CR/NC instead of a letter grade?**

You may opt in now through May 7, 2020. You will need to complete the [CR/NC Opt-In Request](#) and email it from your GSC email account to the Registrar at [ann.reed@glenville.edu](mailto:ann.reed@glenville.edu) before the specified deadline. (Requests emailed from personal email accounts such as Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, etc. will not be accepted) Be sure to complete all necessary fields and only one form per student will be permitted. If more than one form is received, only the initial form received will be honored and placed on record.

## **What is the deadline for opting in for the CR/NC grade option?**

The [CR/NC Opt-In Request](#) must be submitted to the Registrar at [ann.reed@glenville.edu](mailto:ann.reed@glenville.edu) by May 7, 2020. No requests will be accepted after this date.

## **Do I need to continue in the class if I choose the CR/NC option?**

You are still expected to participate in all course activities and assignments through the end of the semester. Receiving credit will be based on your final grade in the course as submitted by your instructor on May 11, 2020. To earn credit (CR) for a course, you need to receive a final grade of A, B or C. Students who receive a final grade of D, F or FIW will earn no credit (NC).

## **Once I opt in to use the CR/NC option, can I change back to letter grades?**

No. Once you have submitted the [CR/NC Opt-In Request](#), you cannot retract it. Therefore, it is very important for you to evaluate your current standing in your courses and to make the decision carefully and consult with your advisor if you have questions or are unsure.

## **How will CR/NC affect my GPA and total credit hours?**

If you choose to opt in to receive CR/NC grades for one or more of your classes, the CR or NC grades will neither positively or negatively impact your GPA because there are no quality points associated with CR and NC grades. The one exception is if you are repeating a course for the first time under the repeat policy. In this case, the CR/NC grade will be used in place of the earlier grade earned when calculating your GPA, which will therefore raise your cumulative GPA. CR/NC courses still would count as credit hours attempted. CR grades will result in credit earned. NC grades will result in no credit earned.

## **Will the CR/NC grades still fulfill prerequisite requirements?**

When the prerequisite for a course requires a grade of C or higher, receiving CR will satisfy the prerequisite.

### **How will CR/NC grades be calculated?**

Instructors will be submitting final grades for all courses on May 11, 2020. If the class is a letter graded class, they will be submitting the letter grade on this date. If you have opted in for the CR/NC option of grading for a course, the letter grade will be replaced as follows:

A =	CR
B =	CR
C =	CR
D =	NC
F =	NC
FIW =	NC

CR/NC grades do not have quality points and therefore, will neither positively nor negatively impact your GPA. CR grades will result in credit earned. NC grades will result in no credit earned.

### **Why is a D considered “No Credit (NC)” when a D is considered passing for some courses?**

Typically, letter grades of A, B and C are considered to be passing and signify you have learned the course material and have satisfied enough course content to be successful in courses at the next level. Grades of D, F and FIW do not signify this. This is why courses within a major are required to be a grade of C or above. Some general education courses may still be counted toward degree completion if a letter grade of D is received, therefore you should consult with your advisor if you expect to earn a final grade of D. In some cases, taking the D will more of a benefit to you because the credit hours will still be earned even though it will have a negative impact on your GPA.

### **I am currently on academic probation. How will CR/NC grades impact this?**

CR/NC grades do not raise or lower a GPA; therefore, they do not impact academic standings. For the spring 2020 semester only, Glenville State College will be alleviating academic suspensions at the conclusion of the semester. If you are currently on academic probation and end up on academic suspension for the spring semester, your standing will be adjusted to reflect “Continued on Probation” regardless of whether you opted in for CR/NC grades. You may contact the Registrar’s Office at [registrar@glenville.edu](mailto:registrar@glenville.edu) if you have questions.

### **I applied for Academic Forgiveness at the beginning of the spring semester. Will opting for CR/NC grades affect this?**

Per the Academic Forgiveness policy, you must complete at least 12 “graded” credit hours within two consecutive semesters with a 2.00 GPA. Because classes with letter grades of CR/NC are not considered to be “graded” classes, you may not meet the requirement to receive academic forgiveness at the end of the spring 2020 semester. This would all depend on the number of credit hours you completed for the semester and the number of credits you opted in for CR/NC grading. Because of this, Glenville State College will provide a one-time exception and allow one additional semester to be used towards meeting the Academic Forgiveness requirements. Contact the Registrar’s Office at [registrar@glenville.edu](mailto:registrar@glenville.edu) if you have specific questions or concerns.

### **I am repeating a class this semester. How will my GPA be affected if I opt in for CR/NC?**

If you are repeating a class for the first time, the grade of CR/NC will replace the D, F or FIW from the previous attempt of the course from your GPA calculation. If you receive a CR/NC, this will boost your GPA because the original D, F or FIW will be removed from your GPA calculation. Keep in mind, if you receive a NC, although your GPA would raise, your total credit hours earned will be reduced. You would lose the credit hours earned for both times you took the class. For specific questions, you may contact the Registrar’s Office at [registrar@glenville.edu](mailto:registrar@glenville.edu).

## **How will my transcript look if I opt in for CR/NC?**

If you choose to opt in for CR/NC grades for one or more of your courses, the final grade of A, B or C (as reported by the instructor) will be converted to a CR. Final grades of D, F or FIW will be converted to a NC. The grade of “CR” or “NC” will appear on your transcript in place of a letter grade for any courses you choose the alternative grading option of CR/NC.

### **What are the pros and cons of choosing the CR/NC option versus keeping letter grades, or withdrawing from everything?**

*CR/NC Option:* If you are on the borderline between a C and D in a particular course and you are unsure of what the final outcome will be and you do not want a grade of D calculated into your GPA, choosing CR/NC will not impact your GPA. This would apply to courses you may be on the borderline of failing as well. On the other hand, the credit hours will not be earned if you opt in and receive a final grade of NC.

*Letter Grade Option:* If you are passing all your courses, you may want to stick with letter grades. Letter grades impact a GPA, where CR/NC grades do not. In addition, if you believe you will be receiving a D in a course and the credit hours earned will be more important than any negative impact on your GPA, you should stick with the letter grade. This would especially impact you if you are graduating and need the credit hours to graduate and the D will not lower your institutional or cumulative GPA under a 2.00. On the other hand, if you believe you are receiving passing grades, but they are grades of C or borderline C and you choose to stick with letter grades, whatever final grade you end up with will impact your GPA.

*Withdrawing From All Courses Option:* This may be your best alternative if you are not passing any courses and do not wish to have failing grades or NC reflected on your academic transcript. No quality points are associated with grades of “W”, so they will not negatively impact your GPA. If you are considering withdrawing from the semester entirely, you need to discuss this option with a counselor in the Academic Success Center first. You may reach the Academic Success Center at [academic.success@glenville.edu](mailto:academic.success@glenville.edu). On the other hand, withdrawing entirely could affect athletic eligibility, financial aid, scholarship/grant renewal, or veteran education benefits. Be sure to consult with the appropriate office or individual.

### **I have applied to graduate. How will this affect me?**

If graduating in May or this summer, you should take time in considering your options. In some cases, a final grade of D counts as credit towards graduation. If you opt in for CR instead of the D, your final grade will be converted to NC and you will not receive credit toward graduation. For example, if you are enrolled in a general education class which is required for graduation and a final grade of D will be acceptable, you should not opt in for CR/NC for that class. It would be more beneficial to earn the D and earn the credit hours toward graduation.

If you are repeating a course for the first time, the previous grade will be excluded from your GPA after receiving your final grade for the spring semester, but this will also exclude the credits earned. Therefore, if your first grade in the class was a D (which may be counted in some cases) and a NC is earned for the course this semester, credit hours for the previous course and the course you are currently enrolled in will both be removed as earned hours and you may be short hours toward graduation. It may be more beneficial to take the D and still earn the credit hours. Be sure to work closely with your advisor. You may also contact the Registrar’s Office at [registrar@glenville.edu](mailto:registrar@glenville.edu) if you have specific questions or concerns.

### **After graduating this semester, I plan on pursuing a graduate program. Will CR/NC grades be accepted?**

Some professional programs or graduate schools may require earned letter grades, especially for meeting prerequisite requirements. But because these are unusual times, it is best for you to check with the program or school to which you intend to apply to find out if they have implemented any exceptions.

### **Will the financial aid satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policy still apply?**

Yes. However, Glenville State College may exclude credits that were attempted but not completed by a student due to the COVID-19 emergency from the quantitative component of their SAP calculations. You may contact the Financial Aid office for more information at [financial.aid@glenville.edu](mailto:financial.aid@glenville.edu).

**How will CR/NC grading affect my financial aid (PELL, WV Promise, WV Higher Education Grant, scholarships, etc.)?**

Pell and Direct Loans – CR/NC grades will still either be a positive or negative impact on your completion ratio (SAP). Courses with a final grade of CR will be considered as completed. Courses with final grades of NC will be considered as not completed.

WV Promise – requires a student to complete 30 credit hours per academic year (fall/spring/summer) for renewal. All courses which earn CR will go toward the 30-credit hour requirement. The GPA requirement has been waived for this renewal period only.

WV Higher Education Grant – requires a student to complete 24-credit hours in fall and spring or 12 credit hours if awarded for one semester. Credit hours earned in the summer do not count toward the 24-credit hour requirement. All courses which earn CR will go toward the 24-credit hour requirement. The GPA requirement has been waived for this renewal period only.

VocRehab – will be handled on a case by case basis if a student does not meet the credit hour or GPA requirements for renewal. Contact your VocRehab counselor if you did not meet the necessary requirements.

Institutional Aid & Scholarships – for questions, please contact the Financial Aid office at [financial.aid@glenville.edu](mailto:financial.aid@glenville.edu).

**I receive veteran education benefits. Will receiving CR/NC affect my benefits?**

Veteran Affairs has notified schools there will be no need to report the change of grades if a student opts into the CR/NC grading option. Although the VA typically does not pay for classes which resulted in nonpunative grades, if COVID-19 is reported as mitigating circumstances for the grade, VA will pay for the class. Be sure to consult with the veteran counselor if you have concerns or questions before opting in for CR/NC. You may reach her at [Jessica.griffin@glenville.edu](mailto:Jessica.griffin@glenville.edu).

**I am an international student. Will receiving CR/NC affect my status?**

You should check with your educational governing body before making the decision to opt in for CR/NC grades to assure there will be no negative impact.

**I am a student athlete. If I opt into the CR/NC grading option, will this affect my athletic eligibility for the upcoming season?**

As long as you are in Good Academic Standing at the conclusion of the spring 2020 semester, your eligibility will not be impacted. The NCAA requirement of a 2.00 GPA, 9 credit hours completed for spring 2020 and 24 credit hours for the year has been absolved with a Progress Toward Degree Waiver due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have questions or concerns about your eligibility, you should always contact athletics for clarification.

**If I opt in for CR/NC grades, can I still qualify for the Provost or President's Honor List?**

Per policy, students must have completed 12 or more graded credit hours with the required GPA to be placed on the Provost's or President's Honor List. Credits receiving CR/NC grades do not count toward the 12-credit hour minimum. You will be eligible to be placed on an Honor List if you complete a minimum of 12 graded credit hours. For example, if you are enrolled in 15 credit hours and you opt in for CR/NC on one of your classes which is 3 credits, you could still qualify so long as you meet the GPA requirement. This is because you will still have 12 credit hours of graded courses.