

Spring 2020 Grading Modification Policy
Barry University
March 26, 2020

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to acknowledge the unique educational challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Consideration for the safety and welfare of all members of the Barry community, as well as our larger communities, has required us to shift the format of Face-to-Face courses to a remote format in the middle of the spring term. As such, the current credit/no credit (pass/fail) option will be modified for the **current spring term only** (unless circumstances require extension).

Revised Policy for Grading:

For the spring 2020 semester only, the following will apply:

As of March 30, 2020, Barry University will modify the **credit/no credit** (pass/fail) option for all undergraduate students, except those students enrolled in an academic program based out of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS). If you are an undergraduate student enrolled in a CNHS program, [click here](#). Undergraduate students can choose the credit/no credit option for any or all undergraduate courses (see exception below for existing Distance Education courses) in which they are enrolled during the Spring 2020 semester.

Existing Distance Education Courses

- The revised policy **does not** pertain to courses listed at registration for the spring 2020 term as distance education courses. These courses will continue with the standard grading system. Only courses that began the term as face-to-face and have recently converted to distance education will follow this revised grading procedure.

Undergraduate Students:

- Undergraduate students (except those enrolled in CNHS) may elect to take any or all currently enrolled courses on a Credit/No Credit basis.
- Courses taken Credit/No Credit will not be calculated into the grade point average. Courses granted Credit will count toward earned semester hours.
- Students who are currently repeating a course may opt for the Credit/No Credit option.
- Students currently on academic probation may opt for the Credit/No Credit option. **Students currently on probation should consult with their academic advisor on this decision.**
- Students earning an incomplete (I, or IP) will be given 5 business days (graduating seniors) or until August 1 (other students) to decide whether to opt for a Credit/No Credit grade after the letter grade has been submitted.
- **Students are highly encouraged to discuss their decision about Credit/No Credit vs. letter grades (A,B,C,D,F) with their academic advisor.** This is especially important for students enrolled in professional programs (Business, Education, Social Work), as switching to a Credit/No Credit grade may impact eligibility for licensure and/or graduate school admission.
- These courses will not count toward the total number of Credit/No Credit courses allowable under current policy.
- Instructors will submit final grades via WebAdvisor in the usual way.
- Graduating Seniors must choose the Credit/No Credit option within **five business days** after grades are posted. All other undergraduate students may select the CR/NC option up to, but

no later than, **August 1, 2020** unless otherwise specified by the Dean of the College/School offering the program.

- If a student opts for the Credit/No Credit option, letter grades of A-D will be converted to a passing grade of Credit (CR). Letter grade of F will be converted to a failing grade of No Credit (NC).
- Students will **not** be able to revoke the Credit/No Credit option once selected.
- The Office of the Registrar will provide additional details and make available an electronic form that students can use for the Credit/No Credit option.

Graduate Students:

- The Schools of Podiatric Medicine and Social Work will not revise their current grading policies.
- Each other College and School will adopt its own grading policy and procedure for graduate and professional programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and will communicate this information to their graduate students.