



Pros and Cons to Grade Mode of CR/NC

STEPS:

- Discuss with your academic advisor – to confirm that it is allowed for your particular major and/or degree requirements.
- Remember, there is a maximum of 4 credit hours allowed (or CR/NC option) per semester
- Review pros/cons below.
- Submit [Enrollment Authorization-Grade Mode Change form](#) (**prior** to December 4 at 5pm) - please make sure appropriate signatures are included and [upload form](#) to Office of the Registrar. **There is a \$10 per transaction fee.**
- Submit [Enrollment Authorization From-AFTER THE TERM form](#) (**after** 5pm on December 4) - please make sure appropriate signatures are included and [upload form](#) to Office of the Registrar. **There is a \$10 per transaction fee.**

*Please remember this is reflective of current policy on CR/NC (*Spring 2020 was an exception to this policy)

NOTE: A CR is equivalent to a C for many purposes

Pros	Cons
<p>Changing your grade mode to CR/NC is beneficial if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are worried about food and housing and cannot concentrate on school • Your current grade is not up to standard • You want to alleviate stress by not worrying about getting a letter grade • You are juggling family demands and it is taking priority over school work • You want to use CR/NC on general education requirements, so that you can focus on letter grades in classes for your major. A grade of CR will satisfy the minimum pre-requisite of “C” and above. • You want to use the CR/NC grade to alleviate stress • You are working more hours than expected and spending less time focusing on classes • CR/NC has no impact on your cumulative GPA. • The motivation to earn a high grade this semester is lacking 	<p>Some of the cons for changing your grade mode to CR/NC include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You may have an A or B which is better than what a CR reflects • Your degree program requires a letter grade in your courses • Moving to CR/NC might make you less motivated to perform your best • Strong letter grades will support applications to graduate and professional schools • Your degree program or major discourages grades of CR • Letter grades of C-, D+, D, and D- still carry credit. In CR/NC grade mode, these grades are considered NC and you will earn zero credit hours. • External merit scholarships and funding (non-UNM) might still require a letter grade. • A CR is not a replaceable grade per the Grade Replacement Policy. • Required course generally require a letter grade