

WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY | CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT GRADING OPTIONS

Message to Concurrent Enrollment Students

COVID-19 has changed the school year in unprecedented ways. Institutions across the state of Utah, the U.S., and around the world are working to provide students with the best experience possible given these unavoidable circumstances, and Weber State is no exception. We absolutely understand how you, as a student, have been affected by campus closures and the shift to virtual format mid-semester. We thank you for your patience and commend you on your grit and endurance in a very challenging time.

Because of these unprecedented circumstances, we are offering some flexibility in grading for Spring 2020 and year-long Concurrent Enrollment courses. We realize that you may have some difficult decisions ahead of you, and we hope that this provides some guidance in moving forward.

Our primary message to you is KEEP GOING! Keep working toward a letter grade! We know that these are difficult circumstances with potentially new challenges, but you can do this! Weber State Concurrent Enrollment faculty are working overtime to ensure that you will still meet the stated learning outcomes for your courses while working with students with compassion.

We are providing three options for each of your courses still in progress. Not all options will work for all students and these decisions need to be made with the help of your academic advisor and potentially other Weber State staff and faculty.

Regardless of which option below that you choose, all students enrolled in this semester will have a transcript comment placed on their official transcript that identifies that the Spring 2020 semester experienced academic disruption due to global pandemic.

An Important Note about your High School and WSU Grades

Your high school or school district will likely have Pass/Fail grading policies that differ from Weber State University's. It will be your responsibility to know how both your high school policy and the WSU policy will impact what is ultimately shown on both your high school and your WSU transcripts. For example, your high school's "passing" mark might be a grade of D- or higher, whereas Weber State's threshold for earning a "CR" (our equivalent of a "Pass") is a grade of C- or higher (except for Core Gen Ed courses, where the threshold for earning a "CR" is a C).



Options for In-Progress CE Courses

Option 1. Letter Grade - Strongly Recommended:

We strongly recommend that you try to complete your courses as planned and earn a letter grade. It is difficult to fully understand the ramifications of other options, but it is easy to know how letter grades will impact your academic record in the immediate and distant future.

Option 2. Withdraw:

The deadline to withdraw from Concurrent Enrollment courses has been extended to **May 15**. If you are struggling in your course, consider whether a withdrawal would be the best option for you. Having a “W” on your transcript will not impact your university GPA. However, please be aware that having multiple “Ws” on your transcript can negatively impact your Financial Aid options. If you have any questions about that, please contact a CE advisor by emailing CEadvising@weber.edu.

Option 3. Change Course to Credit/No Credit:

This is the Weber State equivalent of Pass/Fail (P/F) at your high school and must be requested by **May 8**. If you select the CR/NC option, you will be given a “CR” on your transcript to designate that you met the standards for successful completion of the course and earned the credit. Your GPA is unaffected. The standard for earning a “CR” grade is C- or above, unless the course is a Core GenEd requirement (see chart below). A mark of “NC” on your transcript means that you did not meet the standards for successful completion and did not earn the credit. Your GPA is unaffected. Letter grades of D+ and below will be marked as “NC” on your transcript. Grades of “NC” will not count as earned credit and cannot be used to fulfill degree requirements.

The chart below illustrates which letter grades will earn “CR” and which will earn “NC” for specific WSU courses.

	Credit (CR)	No Credit (NC)
Core GenEd Requirements (ENGL 2010, LIBS 1704, HIST 1700, POLS 1100, HIST 2710, MATH 1030, MATH 1050)	A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C	C-, D+, D, D-, E
Breadth Requirements & Electives	A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-	D+, D, D-, E

An important consideration is that if you earn a letter grade of D+, D, or D- in a Breadth General Education course, that grade will satisfy the General Education requirement, but if you earn one of those letter grades and choose the CR/NC grading option, you will be given a mark of “NC” on your transcript, and in that instance, you have not fulfilled the General Education requirement.

If you earn a C- or higher in any Breadth General Education courses and have chosen the CR/NC grading option, you will need to contact the academic department offering that course to have an exception applied to your CatTracks degree evaluation. For example, if you have completed CHF 1500 as a Breadth General Education requirement and selected the CR/NC grading option for that course, you will need to

contact Weber State University’s CHF department to ask for the CR/NC exception to be applied to your CatTracks.

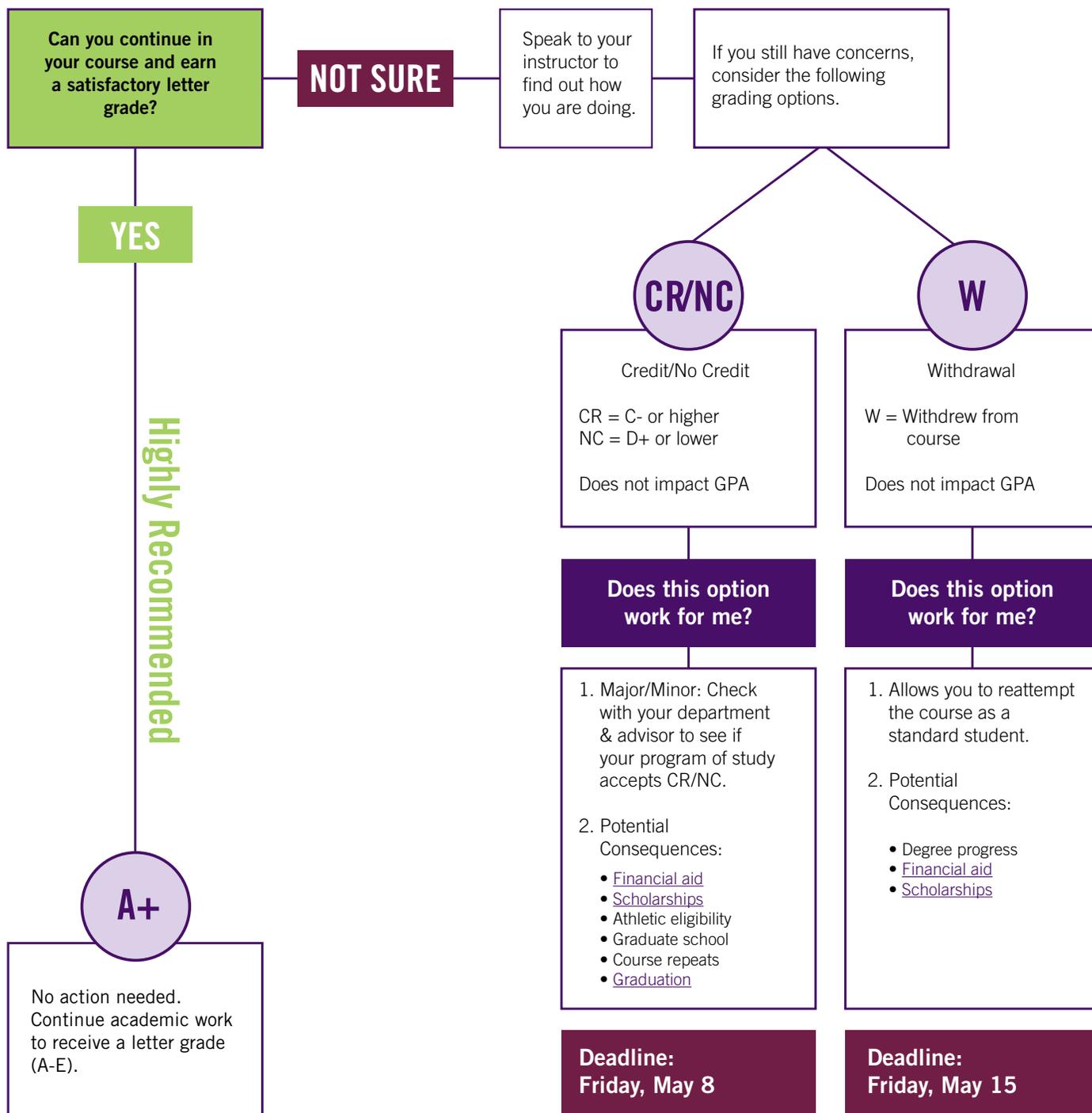
Please visit weber.edu/SSC/concurrent-enrollment-advising.html to find the General Education requirements to determine how each of your CE courses is classified so that you can make the best decision regarding your grading options.

If you choose the CR/NC option for any in-progress CE course(s), you will have the option to revert back to standard letter grades (‘A’ through ‘E’) within one year of the university’s Spring 2020 CR/NC deadline, which will be April 23, 2021. Note that this is a one-time only option, meaning if you choose to revert to standard letter grades, you cannot change back to credit/no credit.



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Potential Academic Considerations

Before making any changes, be sure to understand the potential consequences. It may be tempting to switch to CR/NC out of fear, stress, or confusion, but doing so is risky. There can be very real consequences associated with CR/NC grades, which is why most courses do not use this grading structure and why the University is giving students the option to choose instead of having all CE classes move to CR/NC during these unprecedented times. Academic considerations include, but are not limited to:

Prerequisite for a Required Course

Most prerequisite classes require a C grade or higher. You should check with the department offering the specific course to find out what grade options will fulfill their prerequisite and allow you to move on to the next course in the sequence. It's important to note that by choosing CR/NC, you may or may not be able to use the course to continue in your degree program. You could potentially have to retake the course for a letter grade in order to advance in your degree pathway. Please check with the appropriate department to understand grading options.

GPA

While courses with a grade of CR/NC do not impact your GPA, they don't help it, either. If you are hoping to earn a GPA bump for admittance into a program, scholarship eligibility, to be in good academic standing, or to graduate with a credential, then CR/NC may not be the most viable option.

Course Transferability

We would love to have you stay at Weber State after graduating high school, but if you plan on transferring to another institution, CR/NC credits may not be accepted or they may apply as elective credit only. You will want to check with the institution you plan on attending to see how they will accept CR/NC credits

EDGE Scholarship Requirements

In order to be eligible for the Concurrent Enrollment EDGE scholarship, you must complete 12 credits of concurrent enrollment coursework with a minimum university GPA of 3.0. If you are still completing Spring 2020 or year-long courses that would help you meet the EDGE scholarship requirements, you can still be eligible for the scholarship if you convert the course(s) to CR/NC. However, you will want to follow up with the scholarship office at scholarship@weber.edu to make sure that you have fulfilled all scholarship requirements.

If your specific situation is not addressed in this document and your specific questions regarding how CR/NC grades could potentially impact your academic plans are not answered here, send an email to CEadvising@weber.edu to ask your question. A Concurrent Enrollment advisor will respond to you with suggestions.



Procedure

To earn a letter grade in CE courses: You don't need to do anything; this is the default grading option for your courses. We strongly encourage you to put your best effort into your in-progress CE courses to earn a letter grade, as it is the preferred option for all WSU students.

To withdraw: Reach out to your CTE rep at your high school to help you get withdrawn from your WSU CE course(s).

To convert classes to CR/NC: Go to weber.edu/concurrent and click on the button labeled "Request to Change a Concurrent Enrollment Course to CR/NC." You will need to be logged into your WSU account in order to submit the form. The WSU Concurrent Enrollment office will process your request, and then the grades your CE teachers submit will be converted to CR/NC in accordance with the levels identified above.

Once again, we would like to commend all of our Weber State University Concurrent Enrollment students for their hard work and persistence this year, and especially this semester, to finish strong in their Concurrent Enrollment courses. We would like to remind you that we strongly recommend all CE students continue working to earn a letter grade in their courses. Do your best, stay safe, and be proud of all that you've accomplished.

Go Wildcats!

