Additional Semester 2020 FAQ’s

Will the School of Computing & Engineering allow me to opt-in to CR/NC?
Yes. For the Spring 2020 semester, SCE will allow students to opt-in to CR/NC for all courses. While we typically require a minimum C grade for required courses for undergraduates and a minimum B- grade in all courses for graduate students, we will be allowing the CR/NC option without petition in the Spring 2020 semester only.

Can I get a refund for my Spring 2020 classes?
We realize that remote delivery of coursework is 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 help you and make sure you still have a way to successfully complete the semester.

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 campus-level 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. More information on the process to opt-in is coming soon.

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. 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.

**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 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.

**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 ‘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.