

Da Vinci Grading Options Spring 2020

Making Adjustments for the
COVID-19 Remote Learning Period

These slides are a verbal explanation of this letter:



Information Regarding Grading, Courses, & Senior Events

April 17, 2020

Dear Students & Families of DV Communications, Design, and Science,

We continue to be grateful for your support during these challenging and uncertain times. We feel proud to have been able to offer a continuous educational experience for your students since we transitioned to virtual instruction on Monday, March 16th. We are grateful to our staff, students, and families for their perseverance, feedback, and - most importantly - trust as we strive to ensure an engaging and relevant educational experience for all students.

We understand and acknowledge that this global pandemic affects all of us differently. Some families have been able to continue on with relatively little disruption to their lives, and some families have had significant disruption to their lives, including uncertainty about the physical, financial, and mental health of themselves

Virtual Instruction Grading Synopsis

- All students have a choice between the following:
 - (1) getting letter grades for all their courses
 - (2) getting CR/NCR for all their courses
- Students go to this form to request a change to the CR/NCR scale. The default is letter grades for all students.



Request to Switch to Credit / No Credit Grade Scale

This is the form that students will complete to request a switch from the traditional grade scale to the CR / NCR grade scale for all classes enrolled during Semester 2 (January - June 2020).

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Change to the letter grade scale: **Any student who earns lower than a 37% will get an NCR** (no effect on GPA) instead of an Incomplete (0 GPA points factored into grade).

Letter Grade	Percent Range	GPA Points	Graduation Status
A	95 - 100	4.000	Counts for progress toward graduation.
A-	87 - 94	3.667	Counts for progress toward graduation.
B+	79 - 86	3.333	Counts for progress toward graduation.
B	70 - 78	3.000	Counts for progress toward graduation.
B-	62 - 69	2.667	Counts for progress toward graduation.
C+	54 - 61	2.333	Counts for progress toward graduation.
C	45 - 53	2.000	Counts for progress toward graduation.
C-	37 - 44	1.667	Counts for progress toward graduation.
NCR (No Credit)	Less than 37	N/A: This grade will not affect a student's GPA.	Does not count for progress toward graduation.

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In order for a student to pass regardless of grade scale choice, the minimum percentage required is 37%.

C-	37 - 44	1.667	Counts for progress toward graduation.
NCR (No Credit)	Less than 37	N/A: This grade will not affect a student's GPA.	Does not count for progress toward graduation.

Letter Grade	Percent Range	GPA Points	Graduation Status
CR (Credit)	37 - 100	N/A	Counts for progress toward graduation.
NCR (No Credit)	Less than 37	N/A	Does not count for progress toward graduation.

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**The deadline for requesting the change to CR/NCR is
Wednesday, May 6th.**

**Because our honors policy states that students must
earn a B- or better to earn honors credit in a class, a
student who chooses to switch from the regular grading
scale to CR/NCR will not be able to earn honors credit.**

Comparing the Grading Options

Only in the Letter Grade Scale	In BOTH Scales	Only in the CR/NCR Scale
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The As, Bs, and Cs you earn this semester may change your overall GPA.• If you earn honors in a course, you will receive the additional GPA boost for the honors course.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No penalty to your GPA if you get an NCR.• The grade of NCR (No Credit) is issued to any student earning less than 37% in a class.• Students may have to re-take any classes in which an NCR was earned if the course is needed for graduation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There will be no change to your GPA at all. Your cumulative GPA is frozen as of December 2019.• There is no difference on the transcript between a student who earns a 38% and a student who earns a 99%. Both students will get a CR on their transcript.• You cannot earn honors in the CR/NCR scale.

Pros and Cons of Staying on the Letter Grade Scale

Pros

- You could increase your cumulative GPA.
- As and Bs always look good on your transcript.
- If you're working hard and feeling successful, you can earn the grades you've been working for.
- You can still earn honors credit for your courses.

Cons

- You could decrease your cumulative GPA.
- You could feel stressed out about maintaining high grades if you're having a hard time doing school work.

Pros and Cons of Switching to Credit / No Credit

Pros

- Your cumulative GPA cannot decrease.
- You don't have to worry about if your work is an A, B, or C quality.
- Colleges and universities will consider grades of CR for this semester due to the pandemic.

Cons

- Your cumulative GPA cannot increase.
- You cannot earn honors credit this semester.

Credit / No Credit Impact on College Admissions

UC

- How will Credit / No Credit grades impact my ability to be eligible and competitive for UC in the future?

A-G courses completed in spring 2020 with Credit (CR) grades will satisfy appropriate A-G requirements.

- Should I take classes for letter grades if I am able?

If your high school allows different grading options, you can choose the grading option you feel is most beneficial to you.

UC's response to admissions to COVID-19

CSU

- How will Credit / No Credit grades impact my ability to apply to the CSU?

Credit grades will satisfy completion of "a-g" requirements, if courses were taken in the winter, spring or summer 2020 terms.

- How will the CSU calculate my GPA if I receive Pass or Credit grades in A-G courses?

Credit grades will meet the A-G subject requirements but will not be calculated in the GPA.

CSU Admission: High School Guidance

Private Schools

Check each school's website

Loyola Marymount University

- How will LMU adjust for Pass/Fail grades? Will my application still be competitive?

Students who were enrolled in high school during the spring of 2020 and received grades of Credit/No Credit will not be penalized in the admission and scholarship consideration process.

Chapman University

- How will Pass/No Pass during my high school's spring semester affect my admission to Chapman?

Earning credit or passing your spring semester courses will satisfy the requirement for continued academic success.

Questions?

Reach out to your respective counselors to help you decide!

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