



## **Pros and Cons to Grade Mode of CR/NC During COVID-19 EMERGENCY MEASURES**

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

<b>Pros</b>	<b>Cons</b>
<p>Changing your grade mode to CR/NC is beneficial if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You are worried about food and housing and cannot concentrate on school</li><li>• You think it may take five or six weeks to start doing well with online coursework</li><li>• Your current grade is not up to standard</li><li>• You want to alleviate stress by not worrying about getting a letter grade</li><li>• You are juggling family demands and it is taking priority over school work</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• You want to use CR/NC for a tough course to alleviate stress</li><li>• You are working more hours due to COVID-19 and spending less time focusing on classes</li><li>• You don't want to raise your cumulative GPA this semester; CR/NC has no impact on your cumulative GPA.</li><li>• The motivation to earn a high grade this semester is lacking</li></ul>	<p>Some of the cons for changing your grade mode to CR/NC include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You may have an A or B which is better than what a CR reflects</li><li>• You can opt-in to CR/NC until May 21 at 4 p.m. and trying for a good letter grade will keep you motivated</li><li>• You want to boost your cumulative GPA</li><li>• Moving to CR/NC might make you less motivated to perform your best</li><li>• Strong letter grades will support applications to graduate and professional schools</li><li>• Health science pre-majors and majors discourage grades of CR</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• Getting a letter grade for classes in your major or minor might be better</li><li>• For graduate students, CR/NC grades may affect assistantships, which require a letter grade.</li><li>• External merit scholarships (non-UNM), assistantships, funding, etc. might still require a letter grade. A CR/NC may not be substituted. CR/NC in Spring 2020 does not have a negative impact on UNM financial aid.</li></ul>