



March 31, 2020

To All First Nations University of Canada Students,

The University is continually adapting through this unprecedented occurrence of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our faculty, sessional instructors, and staff are adjusting to the modifications in the academic processes. We will continue to maintain current teaching methods based on the advice of the public health authorities.

Our number one priority is the safety of students, faculty, and staff. Our second is to support the continued academic advancement of our students. Recently, some concerns were raised by students regarding the Winter 2020 semester's final grading system. The University gave serious consideration to the best way students receive your final grade, understanding that each student has individual and unique circumstances.

On March 30, 2020, the University of Regina, through Executive Council, made the formal announcement on the Grading Options for the Winter 2020 semester. Students are provided the following choices on your final grading approach per each class and the option that would be best suited for you:

1. Choose to take a numeric grade (in some classes);
2. Withdraw from class(es);
3. Apply the new Credit/Non-Credit options.

The choice is yours, and further details on options are as follows:

- The UofR is **extending the course withdrawal deadline** to coincide with the final day of classes (Thursday, April 9). Students exercising this option would thereby earn a grade of "W," which will allow them to avoid failing grades and negative GPA impact due to COVID-19 difficulties.
- **Traditional Numeric Grading** – student can choose to take their final grades as the grading approach to one, many, or all of their classes.



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- The UofR is creating a new course grade: **"CRC" (Credit-COVID-19)** for students who pass a course, but who experience stressors that have negatively impacted their academic performance. Students would have the option to replace their numeric grade with "CRC." The deadline for students to select this option is May 31, 2020. A "CRC" grade:
 - Is considered a credit/pass
 - Does not impact GPA
 - Can be used in degree completion requirements
 - May have some impact on eligibility for funding or financial awards
 - Is an irreversible decision.
- Another option for students is a newly approved grade of **"NCC" (No Credit – COVID-19)** for students who receive a failing numerical grade in a course and request to replace this numerical grade so as to preserve their academic standing. The deadline for students to select this option is also May 31, 2020. A "NCC" grade:
 - Students who do not pass due to failure to complete a final exam or other required components of the course, will not be eligible for "NCC"
 - Does not impact GPA
 - Does not count toward degree completion
 - Is an irreversible decision.

To be clear: Students can not submit a request for CRC or NCC until their final grade has been posted. A student can withdraw from a course without academic penalty (W) up to the last day of classes. NP students will not be eligible to convert their grade to CRC or NCC.

Students can opt for various outcomes among their classes. Further details will be posted at: <https://www.uregina.ca/covid-19/> Step by step instructions will be made available on the Registrar's Office page in the coming days:
<https://www.uregina.ca/student/registrar/>

We ask all students to maintain your regular class continuity, check in with your UR Courses, engage with your instructors daily. We are here to support you academically and mentally. If you do require student services, please reach out to the Student Success Services team and they'll be happy to assist you in any way possible.

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