The University of Virginia has established an updated grading policy for undergraduate students for the Fall 2020 + Spring 2021 semesters, adopted by all Schools and degree programs. The School of Architecture has subsequently also reviewed and issued a policy on grading for its graduate students. Both policies can be found in this document.

**UNDERGRADUATE GRADING FOR FALL 2020 + SPRING 2021**

- For this academic year, grades will be the default standard for all classes. For the Fall semester, Undergraduate students will need to make the switch in SIS from a standard grade to a CR/GC/NC option between Monday, November 2 and Friday, November 6, 2020. After 11:59pm EST on Friday, November 6, 2020 students will no longer be able to make changes to their grading options.

  For the Spring semester, students have until the Add deadline (Feb. 16) to choose Graded (A-F grades) or the COVID Credit/General/No Credit grading option in SIS. Students will have an additional opportunity beginning on April 23 until April 30 to change the grading option for each of their courses. The deadline to make any changes to a course grading option is Friday, April 30, at 11.59pm EDT.

- The Credit/General Credit/No Credit (CR/GC/NC) grading designations under this policy are as follows:

  **Credit (CR):** awarded if a student meets the class’s requirements for credit (C or higher). For Fall 2020 only, CR will meet all undergraduate degree requirements, including pre-requisites, general education, and requirements for majors and minors. CR will not count towards your GPA.

  **General Credit (GC):** awarded if a student receives a passing grade below a C. GC will earn the credit hours associated with the course and will only fill undergraduate requirements that can be met by a passing grade lower than a C. GC will not affect your GPA.

  **No Credit (NC):** awarded if a student receives a grade of F. This grade will not earn credit or meet any requirements. NC will not affect your GPA.

- All students have the option for Credit/General Credit/No Credit for any course (see deadline noted below) instead of receiving a letter grade.

- All courses taken for a letter grade during the 20-21 Academic Year will be factored into a student’s GPA.
• All courses taken for CR/GC/NC during 20-21 Academic Year will not be factored into a student’s GPA.

• UVA will include a designation on students’ transcripts to indicate that the CR/GC/NC option was created in the midst of an extraordinary crisis and part of the University’s effort to manage online instruction.

• This policy applies to all undergraduate level courses offered during the 20-21 Academic Year semester.

• Students may elect CR/GC/NC for an individual course, multiple courses, or all 20-21 Academic Year courses.

• FOR FALL 2020: Students may elect CR/GC/NC in SIS between Monday, November 2 and Friday, November 6, 2020. After 11:59pm EST on Friday, November 6, 2020 students will no longer be able to make changes to their grading options. This selection will occur through SIS and will allow students to make their choice for each course individually. Instructions on how to make your selection can be found HERE and within the Resources Section of the SARC website.

• FOR SPRING 2021: Student may elect CR/GC/NC in SIS between Friday, April 23 and Friday, April 30, 2021. After 11:59pm EDT on Friday April 30, 2021 students will no longer be able to make changes to their grading options. This selection will occur through SIS and will allow students to make their choice for each course individually. Instructions on how to make your selection can be found HERE and within the Resources Section of the SARC website.

More information about the factors considered in developing this policy are provided at the end of this document.

GRADUATE GRADING FOR FALL 2020 + SPRING 2021

For this academic year, the default grading system for all graduate students will be standard grades for all classes. For the Fall semester, Graduate students will need to make the switch in SIS from a standard grade to a CR/NC option between Monday, November 2 and Friday, November 6, 2020. After 11:59pm EST on Friday, November 6, 2020 students will no longer be able to make changes to their grading options. Information about the dates to make these changes in SIS for Spring 2021 will be forthcoming.

For the Spring semester, students have until the Add deadline (Feb. 16) to choose Graded (A-F grades) or the COVID Credit/General/No Credit grading option in SIS. Students will have an additional opportunity beginning on April 23 until April 30 to change the grading option for each of their courses. The deadline to make any changes to a course grading option is Friday, April 30, at 11.59pm EDT.
• **The Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) grading designations under this policy are as follows:**

  **Credit (CR):** awarded if a graduate student meets the class’s requirements for credit (B- or higher). For the 20-21 Academic Year, CR will meet all graduate degree requirements. CR will not count towards your GPA.

  **No Credit (NC):** awarded if a graduate student receives a grade of C+ or lower or is unable to complete the course. This grade will not earn credit or meet any requirements. NC will not affect your GPA.

• All courses taken for CR/NC during the 20-21 Academic Year will count toward curricular degree and graduation requirements if completed with a CR (Credit) designation.

• All courses taken for CR/NC during the 20-21 Academic Year **will not** be factored into a student’s GPA. All courses taken for a letter grade during the 20-21 Academic Year **will** be factored into a student’s GPA.

• UVA will include a designation on students’ transcripts to indicate that the CR/NC option was created in the midst of an extraordinary crisis and part of the University’s effort to manage online instruction.

• This policy applies to **all** graduate level courses offered at the School of Architecture during the 20-21 Academic Year semester. Graduate students who are taking graduate-level courses outside the School of Architecture should consult their professor for grading options for those specific classes.

• **Students may elect CR/NC for an individual course, multiple courses, or all 20-21 Academic Year courses.**

• **FOR FALL 2020:** Graduate students will need to make the switch in SIS from a standard grade to a CR/NC option between Monday, November 2 and Friday, November 6, 2020. After 11:59pm EST on Friday, November 6, 2020 students will no longer be able to make changes to their grading options. This selection will occur through SIS and will allow students to make their choice for each course individually. Instructions on how to make your selection can be found [HERE](#) and within the Resources Section of the SARC website.

• **FOR SPRING 2021:** Student may elect CR/GC/NC in SIS between Friday, April 23 and Friday, April 30, 2021. After 11:59pm EDT on Friday April 30, 2021 students will no longer be able to make changes to their grading options. This selection will occur through SIS and will allow students to make their choice for each course individually. Instructions on how to make your selection can be found [HERE](#) and within the Resources Section of the SARC website.

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FALL 2020 + SPRING 2021 GRADING POLICY — BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The decision to make the change to a Credit/General Credit/NoCredit (CR/GC/NC) grading system for the Fall 2020 + Spring 2021 semesters was made after many exchanges with students, student leaders, and faculty and staff who work most closely with students. It involved all the deans and leadership of the undergraduate and graduate schools as well as upper administrative leadership across the university. Based on the high levels of stress, anxiety, and personal and family challenges among a large number of students, a flexible grading option was recommended and approved for this semester. This was also discussed among, and supported by our internal leadership group—all the deans, chairs, and program directors—at the School of Architecture.

Given the many known, and unknown, challenges that students are facing because of the changes that have come about due to the coronavirus, the established grading policy reflected the most compassionate and empathetic response administration could make to support student needs.

In order to be equitable and fair to the School of Architecture’s graduate students who are also dealing with similar issues to undergraduate students, the School is extending this model to our graduate students as well. This was decided and supported by the School’s academic leadership. At the graduate-level, the Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) grading policy is made at the discretion of each individual School and is not a University-wide policy.

IMPACTS TO HOW STUDENTS ARE EVALUATED

This grading system change DOES NOT, in any way, affect the evaluation/grading system for each class. Despite the default standard grades and option to select Credit/General Credit/No Credit for undergraduate students and Credit/No Credit for graduate students, all students will be graded throughout the remainder of the semester as they normally would. At the end of the semester, if the student has so chosen, these grades will then be simply be converted into (Credit/General Credit [UGs only]/No Credit) or remain as a grade for the students who have not opted for this.

Faculty have been directed to give students clear feedback throughout the remainder of the semester so that students are aware of how they are progressing. If you have concerns about grading and evaluation, please reach out to Associate Dean Anselmo Canfora at anselmo@virginia.edu.