



Should I take a class “Credit/No Credit”?

Taking a class “Credit/No Credit” is an avenue to maintain a good GPA. A “Credit/No Credit” grade has no impact on your GPA. As long as you earn a “C” or higher in the class, you will receive a “Credit” (CR) grade.

Example of how “Credit/No Credit” can affect your GPA

Earning a “F” Grade		Earning a “C” Grade		Earning a “CR” or “NC” Grade	
Eng 101	A	Eng 101	A	Eng 101	A
Hist 11	A	Hist 11	A	Hist 11	A
Art 101	B	Art 101	B	Art 101	B
Econ 1	F	Econ 1	C	Econ 1	CR or NC
GPA	2.75	GPA	3.25	GPA	3.67

In this scenario, using the “Credit/No Credit” option would be the best choice if a student there was a possibility of earning a “C” grade or lower.

Information to help you decide whether or not you should take a class “Credit/No Credit”

- You may only take 1 course “Credit/No Credit” each semester. This does not include courses that are only graded on a “Credit/No Credit” basis.
- Only approved courses may be taken for a “Credit/No Credit” grade. The list of approved courses is posted in the Admissions and Records Office.
- The grading standard for “Credit/No Credit” is the same as that of letter grade standards.
- You cannot change your “Credit/No Credit” grade to a letter grade once you file the petition for “Credit/No Credit” grading.
- You may repeat a course that you earned a “NC” grade.
- The UC system allows up to 14 units of “Credit/No Credit”.
- The CSU system varies according to campus on how many units they will accept with a “Credit/No Credit” grade.
- Most universities require that major courses be taken for a letter grade. Check the assist.org website for more information.
- Some universities may not accept “Credit/No Credit” grades for any courses.
- “Credit/No Credit” may be used for IGETC. Even for English and Math courses.
- International students may need to take English courses for a letter grade depending on the school they are transferring to.
- The only way to fix your GPA if you earn a “D” or “F” is to repeat the exact same class. On the other hand, you do not need to repeat a course you earn a “NC” grade in since the course does not affect your GPA.

*Still not sure if you should change your grade to “Credit/No Credit”?
Check with a counselor!*

How to change your grade to “Credit/No Credit”

Check the semester calendar for the deadline to submit a “Credit/No Credit” Petition. You may submit the “Credit/No Credit” Petition in the Admissions and Records Office.