

Addendum to Graduate Bulletin 2020–2021

1. Grading Policies and Deadlines

Special COVID-19 Flexible Grading Policy for the Fall 2020 Semester: CR/NC Grading Policy

As part of the Brooklyn College response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, during the fall 2020 semester all students shall have the option to convert any or all of the B+ to F letter grades they earn in their classes to Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) grading.

- Students shall be able to make this decision up from December 24, 2020, to January 10, 2021. Once selected, the CR/NC option cannot be reversed.
- If a student chooses to exercise this option, a passing letter grade (B, C, or D) will convert to CR, with credit for the class being awarded, while a failing grade (F) will convert to NC, with no credit awarded. Credit/No Credit grades will not impact the student's GPA.
- Courses taken for a letter grade will continue to be included in the semester and general GPA; courses taken for a Credit/No Credit grade will be excluded, just as is the case with such courses taken at a student's home institution.
- If a student exercises the option of Credit/No Credit, the Credit grade will not negatively impact the student's satisfactory progress toward degree completion.
- Students with Credit/No Credit grades will be able to transfer those courses across colleges within CUNY, per current CUNY policy.
- The Special COVID-19 Flexible Grading Policy shall apply to course work completed on Permit and will not affect Board of Trustees Policy 1.14 – Policy on Coursework Completed on Permit.
- Students placed on academic probation by their institution at the start of the fall 2020 semester shall not be penalized with academic dismissal based upon their grades earned this semester if they opted into CR/NC this semester.
- The Special COVID-19 Flexible Grading Policy shall not affect the university standards of student retention and progress in accordance with Board of Trustees Policy 1.26.
- Before choosing this grading option for one or more of their classes, students shall consult with their academic and financial aid advisers regarding potential impact to their financial aid, licensure requirements, and graduate school admissions.
- The Special COVID-19 Flexible Grading Policy shall supersede and override all undergraduate and graduate program-level grading policies currently in effect at CUNY colleges and schools, including those related to required and elective courses within the major, minor, general education (Pathways), prerequisite courses, honors courses, courses taken on permit, and maximum number of credits that a student can earn with Credit/No Credit grades.
- The grade glossary, attached to each transcript, will be updated to include a notation denoting that all fall 2020 grades, including CR or NC, were earned during a major disruption to instruction as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Special COVID-19 Flexible Grading Policy, which shall be effective **December 11, 2020**, applies to the fall 2020 semester only. The college or CUNY, may, to meet public health emergency policies and practices, extend this policy to future semesters, if necessary.

2. Course Withdrawal Period

Starting in fall 2020, the withdrawal deadline will be permanently extended to the last date of the last day of classes for that particular semester. Based on this change, the W deadline for fall 2020 is December 13, 2020.

3. ePermit Policy

Graduate students must have a 3.00 GPA to qualify for an outgoing ePermit. This has always been the practice but was not stated in the Bulletin hitherto.