ACADEMIC CONCERNS

1. How does choosing Credit (CR)/No Credit (NC) for Spring 2020 course(s) impact me as a student at Thomas Jefferson University? How is my numeric GPA calculated?
   a. CR or NC grades do not impact the numeric GPA. CR grades count as completed credits, while NC grades only count as attempted credits. Quality points are assigned to letter grades, then the numeric GPA is calculated by dividing the amount of quality points earned by the credit hours attempted.

2. How do I request a CR/NC?
   a. Students will indicate their choice in BannerWeb. Instructions will be provided to students at their university e-mail accounts at a later time.

3. Is there a deadline to declare a course CR/NC?
   a. Students will have until 2 days past the grades due/grades available date as indicated on the academic calendar applicable to their program.

4. What is the grade threshold for a course to be considered CR/NC?
   a. Students are to check with their program since the minimum grade required for a CR grade for Spring 2020 is determined at the college or program level. The university will publish a grid of all college and program thresholds for credit on the Registrar’s website for the spring 2020 semester.

5. Are all classes, including labs, studios and internships, eligible for CR/NC?
   a. Effective March 16, 2020, for the Spring 2020 semester, any class is eligible to be graded on a CR/NC basis. Any courses completed prior to March 16 are not covered by the policy.

6. Is there a limit to the number of courses I can declare CR/NC for the Spring 2020 semester?
   a. No, the university is permitting students to declare an unlimited number of courses CR/NC for the Spring 2020 semester only.

7. How will a CR grade impact my prerequisite calculations if I am choosing to go into a professional program or applying to a graduate program?
   a. The GPA calculation will be based on the courses for which there are letter grades. It will be noted that you have completed all the required prerequisite courses, but the GPA calculation will be based on potentially fewer courses, depending on which courses you chose to take as CR. Thomas Jefferson University cannot guarantee that other academic institutions will accept CR grades, it is the student’s responsibility to determine this before making a decision. However, for intra-program progression within Jefferson colleges and schools, and for students within one Jefferson program applying to another program or college within Jefferson, a grade of CR for the spring 2020 semester will be accepted as indicating that the course has been successfully completed and passed.
8. Will a CR grade override a previous grade if I have retaken a course? Will the previous grade be removed from the GPA calculations? What is visible on the transcript?
   a. If your college permits grade replacement and a course is being repeated in Spring 2020, the previous grade would be removed from the GPA calculations, but both the original grade and new grade from Spring 2020 would appear on the transcript. The CR grade could replace the previous letter grade that was originally earned in the course, but the CR grade carries no quality points. Therefore, the impact on the GPA is only to remove the original grade.
   b. For Colleges that do not allow grade replacement, if you choose to take a letter grade the grade you receive for a repeated course during Spring 2020, will be averaged into your GPA. Both the original and prior grade for the course will appear on your transcript. If you choose the CR/NC option and earn a CR both will appear on your transcript, however only the prior grade will be calculated into your cumulative GPA.

9. How is a NC calculated in my GPA?
   a. A final grade of NC carries no quality points, so it would not negatively impact a GPA. A NC grade does count as attempted credits that were not completed, so it does impact satisfactory academic progress used for financial aid and academic standing purposes.

10. Can I request the letter grade for a course I chose as CR/NC in the Spring 2020 semester to be made available at a later date to me or anyone I authorize?
    a. No. Once you declare a course CR/NC for Spring 2020 that will be the final grade awarded and will be permanently on your university transcript.

11. If my college has a Dean’s List, how is Dean’s List calculated with CR/NC?
    a. Dean’s List for Spring 2020 will be awarded to any undergraduate student who earns a semester GPA of 3.5 or above in which the student completes at least 12 credits. At least 9 credits must receive a letter grade (not a CR/NC grade).

12. If I declare a course CR/NC, can it be used in a future semester as a course prerequisite that requires a minimum grade?
    a. Some course prerequisites require a minimum letter grade. Since the grade thresholds for Spring 2020 are determined at the program level, prerequisite checking for semesters beyond Spring 2020 will be modified to include CR grades, depending on the course. As noted above, for intra-program progression within Jefferson colleges and schools, and for students within one Jefferson program applying to another program or college within Jefferson, a grade of CR in the spring 2020 semester will be accepted as indicating that the course has been successfully completed and passed.

13. How does CR/NC impact my academic standing at the university?
    a. Declaring a course CR/NC does not impact your overall cumulative GPA and therefore will not improve your overall standing at the university. If you are currently on academic probation, you are encouraged to contact the appropriate person for your program:
       i. If you are in a traditional undergraduate or graduate program at the East Falls campus, you are encouraged to speak with Megan.Mills@jefferson.edu.
       ii. Students in graduate or health science programs should work with their academic advisor to discuss the CR/NC option. If you don't know who your
advisor is or have additional questions, please contact Jennifer.Fogerty@jefferson.edu.

iii. Students in the School of Continuing Studies and Online are encouraged to speak with their Academic Advisor prior to deciding. Students in the School of Continuing Studies and Online are encouraged to speak with their Academic Advisor prior to deciding:
   1. East Falls and Bucks Campus students should contact Susan.Calder@jefferson.edu
   2. Center City students should contact Carmella.Trippett@jefferson.edu
   3. Jefferson Online students should contact Reid.Kline@jefferson.edu

14. I am currently on Academic Probation. How does a CR/NC impact my probation status?
   a. A grade of CR or NC carries no quality points, so it would not impact your numeric GPA. A grade of NC counts as an attempted, but not completed credit, so it would impact academic progress. The impact of a CR or NC grade on academic probation depends on if you are on probation due to GPA or academic progress. If you are on academic probation due to GPA, a CR grade will not improve your GPA unless you are repeating a course from a prior term.

15. How does CR/NC impact my academic standing in a program?
   a. Students in a cohort, or lock-step style program, will have to earn a CR in courses in order to continue with their current cohort. A NC could result in a dismissal from the program.

16. I am a student-athlete, how am I impacted if I request 1 or more CR/NC grades?
   a. Student-athletes are encouraged to speak directly with the Athletic Department to review potential impacts to NCAA and CACC eligibility prior to declaring a course CR/NC for the Spring 2020 semester.

17. I am in the Honor’s Institute. Am I permitted to take classes CR/NC, and if so, is my scholarship impacted by this?
   a. As a student in the Honor’s Institute you are encouraged to speak directly with the advisors in the Honor’s Institute prior to deciding to declare any courses CR/NC for Spring 2020.

18. I was on Study Abroad during the Spring 2020 semester. Am I able to declare my courses abroad CR/NC?
   a. For more information on how your transcript will be impacted from Study Abroad during the Spring 2020 semester, you are encouraged to speak directly with the Office of Study Abroad.

19. Who can help me decide if it would be better for me to take a course with a letter grade or take it Credit/No Credit?
   a. If you are in a traditional undergraduate or graduate program at the East Falls campus, you are encouraged to speak with your faculty advisor regarding the potential impact to declaring a course CR/NC for Spring 2020. If you are unsure who you are advisor is, please contact Megan.Mills@jefferson.edu or Gina.May@jefferson.edu.
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20. Who should I consult if I am currently at East Falls and on track to transfer to an academic program at Center City after Spring 2020?
   a. Students in the HSCI Pre-Pathway Health programs such as Pre-Nursing, Pre-MIRS, Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-MLBS who have questions about whether to choose the CR/NC option should contact Wendy.Krupnick@jefferson.edu. Dr. Krupnick is the HSCI Program Director.

21. Is it better for me to withdraw from a course or risk getting a No Credit grade?
   a. If you are in a traditional undergraduate or graduate program at the East Falls campus, you are encouraged to speak with your faculty advisor regarding the potential impact to withdrawing from a course vs. that of declaring a course CR/NC for Spring 2020. If you are unsure who you are advisor is please contact Megan.Mills@jefferson.edu or Gina.May@jefferson.edu.
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22. When will I able to see my transcript reflect a CR/NC update from Spring 2020?
   a. Your transcript should reflect a CR/NC update within 7 business days after the grades are due, or when grades are available for the academic calendar of your program.

23. Will there be any note on my transcript about why I took NC/CR for future employers and graduate programs?
   a. Yes, a notation will be added to the transcript key that appears on the back of your Thomas Jefferson University transcript explaining CR/NC grading specific to Spring 2020.

24. If I take an “Incomplete” will I be permitted to declare a course a CR/NC in Summer 2020 after my final grade is awarded?
   a. A student who receives an Incomplete final grade from Spring 2020 is eligible to have the grade convert to a CR/NC grade. In this case, the student will need to indicate they want their final grade to be converted to a CR/NC grade within 2 days from the date the letter grade is posted. Once the Incomplete grade is satisfied, the final grade on the transcript will appear as Credit/No Credit if that is what the student has requested.
25. Since my school, college or program does not usually use grades of CR or NC on our transcripts, how does this all apply to me?
   a. If your school, college or program typically uses other similar designations such as Pass/Fail (P/F), or Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U), grades of P/F or S/U may still appear on your transcript along with other standard letter grades when you do not select the CR/NC option, and the traditional policies will still apply to those grades. However, for the purpose of the present policy and for spring 2020 courses, the CR/NC designation if selected will appear on your transcript for the courses you choose for this option.

FAQ’s CR/ NC- Financial Aid

1) What affect could my choosing CR/NC have in regard to the various types of financial aid I may have?

1. **Jefferson Merit Scholarship programs** – TJU will suspend the GPA minimums for merit scholarship/grant renewal for one year; as long as a student has otherwise met the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) definition. This includes a 2.0 cumulative GPA and completion of 75% of attempted coursework. A student can appeal if their scholarship is not renewed.
   - Merit scholarship programs include:
     - Honors Scholarship
     - Faculty Scholarship
     - Faculty Grant
     - Jefferson Academic Scholarships

2. **Jefferson Need-based Grants, endowment scholarships, and need-based university loans** - No affect as long as SAP is otherwise met (see above)

3. **Federal Aid** - No affect as long as SAP is otherwise met (see above)
   - These federal aid programs include:
     - Pell Grant
     - SEOG Grant
     - Federal Work Study
     - Direct Student Loans
     - Direct PLUS Loans

4. **Pennsylvania State Grants** - No affect as long as SAP is otherwise met (see above) and as long as the student passes 24 credits

5. **Pennsylvania State Grant- Ready to Succeed Scholarship (RTSS)** – Guidance from the State is currently delayed until Late May/Early June
2) **How will a CR/NC grade affect my funding from the Veterans Administration** - Veterans Administration has not specifically responded to this question.

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR EAST FALLS STUDENTS**
- Registrar: TJU_EF_Registrar@jefferson.edu
- Academic Advising: TJU_EF_Advising@jefferson.edu
- Financial Aid: financialaid@jefferson.edu
- Student Accounts: tuition.office@jefferson.edu
- Study Abroad: Madeleine.Wilcox@jefferson.edu

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CENTER CITY STUDENTS**
- Registrar: university.registrar@jefferson.edu
- Financial Aid: financial.aid@jefferson.edu
- Student Accounts: tuition.office@jefferson.edu
- Advising: Jennifer.Fogerty@jefferson.edu