

## **New Temporary COVID Grade: No Record COVID (NRC) Fall 2020 and Spring 2021**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

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#### **Q1: Why was this new, temporary grading policy proposed?**

We recognize that remote learning can be challenging for students as you try to balance other roles and responsibilities. In addition, we recognize that not all students have reliable access to the internet, stable housing, family support, and other key resources right now.

We hope this new, temporary policy alleviates some of the anxiety students may be feeling about their academic performance during this challenging semester. The NRC grade allows courses to be excluded from calculations of satisfactory academic progress (SAP) for federal and state financial aid purposes per section 3509 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

#### **Q2: Who is eligible to request the NRC grade change?**

Undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in courses during the Fall 2020 and/or Spring 2021 are eligible.

#### **Q3: Is NRC grading available to Professional students?**

No. Students taking courses in the professional health science careers of Medicine, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine are excluded from choosing the NRC grade option.

#### **Q4: How will Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 classes be graded?**

Faculty/Instructors will continue to assign letter grades at the end of the semester. Final grades are posted in myWSU.

Students may elect to change letter grades of W, C-, D+, D, F, to the NRC (No Record Covid) grade by request once grades have posted on December 23, 2020.

#### **Q5: Can international students, graduate or undergraduate, request the NRC grade change without impacting their visa status?**

Yes. International students are eligible to use the NRC grade. Since a student requests the grade change after the semester has ended, WSU can still verify the student was enrolled in the appropriate amount of credits during the term.

**Q6: How do I request to have my grade converted to the NCR grade?**

Complete and submit the NRC request form. The form can be used for one or more classes.

The form will be available December 23, 2020 through January 6, 2021.

**Q7: How does the NRC grade work? Do I still get credit for the course?**

Students who change a letter grade to the “NRC” grade will receive no course credit, and their grade point average will not be affected.

**Q8: I would normally get credit for a course if I get a D grade. Under this new grading policy, I could convert the D grade to the NRC grade and I won't get credit. What should I do if I need the credit for this course?**

In this case, you may not want to convert your letter grade to the NRC grade. If you are unsure or have questions, you should contact your academic advisor.

**Q9: If I choose to convert to the NRC grade, do I have to convert all of my courses?**

No, you can select which courses you want to convert.

**Q10: What if I already withdrew from a course during the semester and have a grade (W) for the course? Will this grade automatically change to a NRC grade?**

No. No grade awarded will automatically change. While the W grade is eligible to be converted to the “NRC” grade, you must take action by completing the NRC request form by the January 6, 2021, deadline.

**Q11: Will the NRC grade count toward my limit of withdrawals (W)?**

No.

**Q12: Can I repeat a course I chose the NRC grade for?**

Yes.

**Q13: I have completed and submitted the NRC request form for one or more of my grades. When will I see a change in my letter grade?**

Please allow 3-5 business days for processing. Requests may take longer during high volume periods.

**Q14: What if I submitted the NRC request form but have changed my mind and want to keep my letter grade?**

Students can submit a Letter Grade Change Form.

**Q15: Will my tuition be adjusted or refunded if I change my letter grade to the NRC grade?**

No.

**Q16: Where can I learn more about the new NRC grade?**

<https://registrar.wsu.edu/nrc>

**Q17: Who do I contact if I would like to consult with an academic advisor about utilizing the NRC grade?**

Students are encouraged to contact their assigned academic advisor before the end of the semester to discuss utilizing the NRC grade.

After the semester ends, your academic advisor may be on leave during some or all of the winter break period. Many advisors will be available for questions or respond to your email beginning January 4, 2021. If you would like to consult with your assigned academic advisor, please email your advisor directly.

If your academic advisor is unavailable during the winter break period and you would like to consult with an advisor prior to their return to work, please visit with an academic advisor in the Academic Success and Career Center, on the Pullman Campus, during daily drop-in hours, M-F, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m., PST.

Zoom Link:

<https://wsu.zoom.us/j/98023279749?pwd=RG82dmJqY0daK3lEWG1vZTI0OTk5UT09#success>

**Note:** *WSU is closed Thursday, December 24, 2020, Friday, December 25, 2020, and Friday, January 1, 2021, in observance of University Holidays.*

**Q18: Who do I contact if I have questions about any impact the NRC grade may have on my financial aid or satisfactory academic progress (SAP)?**

Students can refer to the SAP Handbook for more guidance on NRC grading and Financial Aid implications at <https://financialaid.wsu.edu/sap-handbook/>

Students can also contact the Office of Student Financial Services at 509-335-9711 or send an email with your question to [financialaid@wsu.edu](mailto:financialaid@wsu.edu).