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## Highlights for April 7

- Additional information on grading options
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### **Additional information on grading options**

In recognition of the unprecedented changes brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the University's subsequent move to distance learning, new grading options have been made available to students.

As announced on March 30, for each class a student is enrolled in for the Winter 2020 semester the student may, depending on their numerical grade, choose to: take their numeric grade as normal; take a CRC (which denotes a passing grade – no impact on Grade Point Average [GPA]); or, take a NCC (which denotes a failing grade – no impact on GPA). Students will have until May 31 to select one of the options. As well, the deadline for withdrawing from a class and receiving a W with no impact on GPA has been extended to April 9.

More detailed information regarding these grading options and other academic contingencies has now been posted on the Registrar's Office web site at: <https://www.uregina.ca/student/registrar/academic-contingencies.html>. Specific deadlines, forms and step-by-step instructions as to how to select your chosen grading options are all clearly outlined for students.

Students that wish to discuss the best grading options for their individual situations are always free to contact their academic advisors. Contact information for academic advising can be found by clicking the following link: <https://www.uregina.ca/student/registrar/registration-withdrawal/academic-advising-offices.html>.

### **Student Emergency Fund**

Each year the University of Regina allocates funding to provide emergency financial aid to help students experiencing financial difficulty continue their education. Recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic may result in many more students seeking assistance this year we have started a fund raising campaign appealing to the community for donations and will allocate additional funding to support students dealing with financial difficulty. For more information and to apply for support visit the Student Awards and Financial Aid - Emergency Funding web page at: <https://www.uregina.ca/safa/emergency-funding.html> or email [safa@uregina.ca](mailto:safa@uregina.ca).

### **Canada Emergency Response Benefit**

Students may also qualify for the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) recently announced by the Federal government. Students who earned at least \$5000 in 2019 or in the last 12-months and whose job was adversely affected by the Covid-19 outbreak, may be eligible for \$2000 a month for four months through the CERB. This applies to Co-op/Internship students as well as those who work part-time during the school year.

Students can find out more about the CERB at: <https://www.canada.ca/home.html>.

If you haven't updated your contact information please do so at UR Self-Service: [banner.uregina.ca/prod](https://banner.uregina.ca/prod) (also easily accessible via the UR Self-Service tab at the top of the main [uregina.ca](https://uregina.ca) site). You will need to enter your User ID/Student # and your PIN then click on the Personal Information option to provide your updated information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through these unprecedented times together.

Sincerely,

John Smith  
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