

## Grading Choice – Impact Considerations for Graduate Students

### ***Withdrawal without Academic Penalty (W)***

The implications associated with withdrawing from a class have not changed, only the deadline has changed. Students should always consider the impact that withdrawing from a class has on:

- The ability to qualify for full-time status. A student must be registered in a minimum of 9 credit hours at the Undergraduate level and [6 credit hours \(with some variances\) at the Graduate level each term](#).
- The ability to qualify for various types of funding. Some funding agencies expect you to maintain full-time status as a condition of funding.
- The expectations of other funding agencies on your continued academic progress. As with the previous point, there could be other expectations associated with a student's continued academic progress.
- The ability to maintain eligibility for scholarships, bursaries, and awards that have minimum registration requirements.
- The impact that dropping below the minimum credit hours will have on full-time status and T2202 tax credits.
- The impact that withdrawing will have on some program requirements that expect a student to maintain full-time status.
- The impact this has on you as an **international student**. The decision to withdraw will not impact the ability to remain in Canada, but it may impact the ability to maintain an [off-campus work permit](#).
- The decision is irreversible.

Students who are considering class withdrawal(s) and are in receipt of student financial aid, scholarships, awards, and bursaries are strongly advised to check the terms of reference for funds that you currently hold and intend to apply for to determine potential impacts. This [Funding FAQ](#) helps to explain some of the potential impacts to check for. Please contact your supervisor or [grad.funding@uregina.ca](mailto:grad.funding@uregina.ca) if you require further advice.

### ***CRC (Credit-COVID-19)***

The decision to convert a grade to CRC will potentially have impact for students. It is important that students make careful choices when considering this option. Potential impacts include:

- Admission to a professional program or graduate school, or admission as a transfer student. It is important for students considering the conversion to reach out and contact the schools directly to determine how the grade will be evaluated.
- The decision is irreversible. If a student decides at a later date that they would rather have kept their numerical grade, converting back is not possible.
- Visiting students on an exchange or a letter of permission will need to check with their home institution to determine if the CRC grade will be recognized.
- GSBF and GTA funding will not be affected. However, eligibility for external sources of funding or other scholarships may be impacted. You are strongly advised to check the terms of reference for funds that you currently hold and intend to apply for to determine potential impacts. This [Funding FAQ](#) helps to explain some of the potential impacts to check for. Please contact your supervisor or [grad.funding@uregina.ca](mailto:grad.funding@uregina.ca) if you require further advice.
- Some awards are given to a student with the highest mark in a course. Students with CRC grades will not be considered for these awards.

### ***NCC (No-Credit-COVID-19)***

Converting to NCC could impact a graduate student's eligibility for funding. This choice will not affect qualification for GSBF and GTA funding. However, eligibility for external sources of funding or other scholarships may be impacted. If you are considering converting your numeric failing grade to an NCC, you are strongly advised to check the terms of reference for funds that you currently hold and intend to apply for to determine potential impacts. This [Funding FAQ](#) helps to explain some of the potential impacts to check for. Please contact your supervisor or [grad.funding@uregina.ca](mailto:grad.funding@uregina.ca) if you require further advice.

### ***Application for Deferral***

The option to apply for deferral of coursework remains in place and has been extended to include research credits and maintenance of candidacy for the Winter 2020 term only. Deferrals can be granted until the end of Summer 2020 term, at which time the decision to convert the assigned grade to CRC or NCC can be made. Graduate students whose ability to complete coursework is hindered as a result of Covid-19 are encouraged to discuss the merits and limitations of this option with their instructor, supervisor, and/or academic advisor as relevant.

- Applications need to be submitted as usual, with the exception of the need to complete a [Self-Declaration of Illness Form](#) in place of supporting documentation when referencing illness as the cause of the request.
- Deferral of past coursework while undertaking new coursework may only increase stress. This may be particularly true for students with minimum enrollment requirements.
- In some cases research may prefer to continue on to new credits as usual, while others who are near the end of their programs and are entirely stalled by the data collection process may see benefit in deferring.
- Visiting students on an exchange or a letter of permission will need to check with their home institution to determine if a deferral will be accepted.