COVID-19 Updates

Should I switch my classes to CR/NC?

UT Dallas has granted special permission for students to change up to three of their classes for the Fall 2020-Spring 2021 semesters to “credit/no credit,” a status that awards credit but not grades. [https://utdallas.edu/covid/staff-faculty-research-info/academic-continuity/credit-no-credit-or-pass-fail-grading/](https://utdallas.edu/covid/staff-faculty-research-info/academic-continuity/credit-no-credit-or-pass-fail-grading/)

HPAC recommends that pre-health students...

1. **DO NOT switch a class to CR/NC if you managed the class well and learned effectively** because grades tell admissions deans your level of mastery, effectiveness under loads, and resilience under stress with greater clarity than a “CR” allows.

2. **DO NOT switch a class to CR/NC if it is required to enter your chosen health profession.** Profession schools often require a grade, of C or higher, in all prerequisite coursework.

3. **DO switch a class to CR/NC if the pandemic or life circumstances made it impossible for you to complete the class with A or B level mastery.** It would also be a good option if your class was “skunked” somehow by the pandemic or remote learning...for example, if you or the professor didn’t manage the transition to online learning in a way that allowed you to learn effectively.

   *Admissions deans have overwhelmingly told us that it is perfectly acceptable and understandable that, due to the unprecedented challenges of remote learning and pandemic-era life stresses, many students will have CR/NC grades for some classes.*

**Before electing CR/NC, consider:**

- Wait to see your letter grades for Fall 2020 AND Spring 2021. You can choose at most 3 CR/NC classes across both semesters.

- Credit is awarded for grades of C or higher; grades of C- or lower award no credit.

- Electing CR/NC is not reversible.

- Read the [CR/NC FAQ](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//prehealth/covid/makepdf).

- [To elect CR/NC go here.](https://ptg.utdallas.edu/sites//prehealth/covid/makepdf)