

Spring 2020 Graduate Grading Scheme

Graduate courses:

Graduate Faculty Assembly has approved a temporary (Spring 2020 only) grading scheme for graduate students. For the spring only, for the regular letter grade option the grades of B-, C, and C+ will be replaced with a grade of CR (credit), the grade of F will be replaced with the grade of UN.

What does this mean for students?

If you earn a B-, C, or C+, you will receive the grade CR. The CR will mean you receive credit for the course towards your graduation and degree requirements, but it will not affect your GPA. If your final grade is an F, you will receive a grade of UN. The grade of UN will not earn any credit nor will it affect your GPA.

Do I need to opt-in or select this grading option?

No, the CR/UN will automatically be applied for any graduate course.

Faculty grading instructions:

For all graduate students, you will be able to record final grades of: A, A-, B+, B, CR, UN, or Incomplete.

What is my final average?

B or better

Final grade: **Letter grade**
Counts toward
GPA and
Earned Credit
Hours

B-, C, or C+

Final grade: **CR**
Counts toward
Earned Credit
Hours; will not be
counted in
computing GPA

F

Final grade: **UN**
Does not count
toward Earned
Credit Hours; will
not be counted in
computing GPA

Example (MSW):

Example Course	Course Credit Hours	Traditional Grade	Spring 2020 Grade
SCWK 615	3	C	CR
SCWK 610	3	B+	B+
SCWK 611	3	A	A
SCWK 612	3	S	S
SCWK 614	3	F	UN

Traditional Semester GPA Calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Semester GPA} &= \frac{(3 \times 2.0) + (3 \times 3.33) + (3 \times 4.0) + (3 \times 0.0)}{(3+3+3+3)} \\ &= \frac{27.99}{12} \\ &= \mathbf{2.332} \end{aligned}$$

Spring 2020 Semester GPA Calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Semester GPA} &= \frac{(3 \times 3.33) + (3 \times 4.0)}{(3+3)} \\ &= \frac{21.99}{6} \\ &= \mathbf{3.665} \end{aligned}$$

*Note that in both grading systems, the earned credit hours = 12; in the Spring 2020 grading system, 3 credit hours were awarded for the grade of CR but the UN earned 0 credit hours. However, in the Spring 2020 grading system, neither the CR nor the UN were used in the calculation of the semester GPA.