

## **ABOUT THE CREDIT/NO-CREDIT GRADING OPTION**

Based on a recommendation from the Faculty Senate and approval by President Arenaz and Provost Mitchell, TAMIU **undergraduate students** will have the opportunity to choose a Credit (CR)/No Credit (NC) grading option for any Spring 2020 Semester course in which they are enrolled. Students will have until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2020, to make changes to their grading options. In order to make changes to the grade mode, you must clear any pending holds affecting registration. **Existing holds will prevent you from making changes to your grade mode.**

- **Option Available for Undergraduates Only:**

- **For the Spring 2020 semester only**, you will have the option of changing the default grading scale (A, B, C, D, F/FN) for *each* course to Credit (CR) /No-Credit (NC). Only you the student, not the professors, not an advisor, will be allowed to make this choice.

**Credit/No-Credit Defined:** A grade of “CR” may be given only to those students who would have made a “C” or higher in a course. The grade of “NC” will be given to students who would have made a “D” or lower in a course.

- **Not Eligible for This Option:**

- The following courses are **not** eligible for the Credit/Non-Credit grading option:
  - Affiliate and Exchange courses
  - Wintermester and Flex 71 courses
  - Courses with Grade Modes of Exclude, Pass/Fail, and Non-Graded
  - Courses that are already Credit/Non-Credit
  - Graduate Level sections

## IMPACT OF YOUR DECISION ON GRADES

Be aware that your choice may negatively impact you depending on your particular program or professional school plans. See chart below and consult with your advisor.

Letter Grade	Credit/No-Credit
A – pass the course, GPA points calculated	Credit – <b>no</b> GPA points calculated
B – pass the course, GPA points calculated	Credit - <b>no</b> GPA points calculated
C – pass the course, GPA points calculated	Credit - <b>no</b> GPA points calculated
D – pass the course, but no WIN credit (need to take another WIN if you still need 9 SCH to complete degree requirement); GPA points calculated	No Credit – need to repeat the course if required by degree plan; no WIN credit; <b>no</b> GPA points calculated
F – fail the course, need to repeat the course if required by degree plan; no WIN credit; GPA points calculated	No Credit – need to repeat the course if required by degree plan; no WIN credit; <b>no</b> GPA points calculated

**\*For this Spring 2020 only, undergraduate courses dropped during Spring 2020 will be excluded from the 6 Drop Rule count.**

**\*If you wish to withdraw with a “W” please email [registrar@tamiu.edu](mailto:registrar@tamiu.edu).**

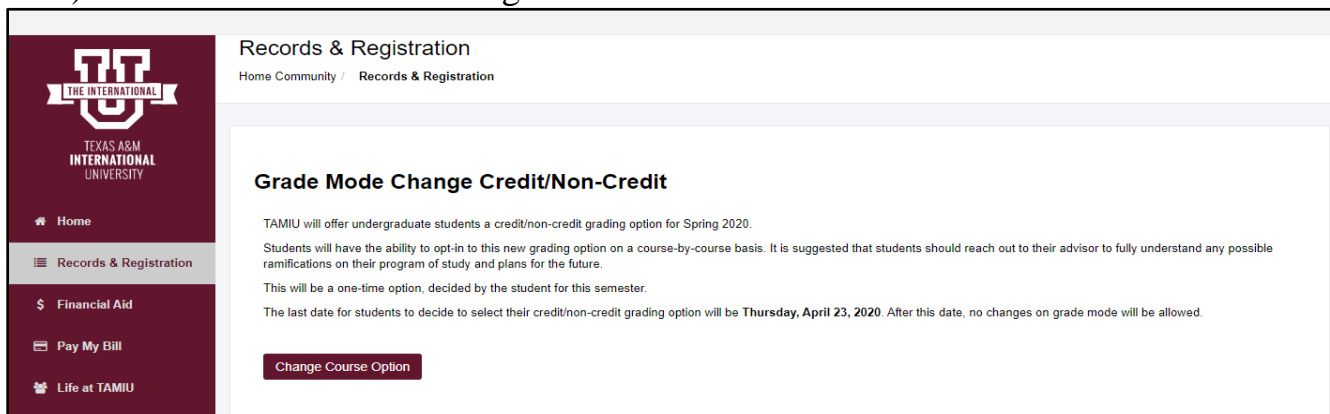
## **MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE**

**Get advice before making any changes!** Those aspiring to enter teaching or nursing undergraduate programs or planning on attending a professional school (e.g., medicine, law) or graduate school should be aware of the potentially negative impact of a “CR” on their transcript. Arrange to meet by phone or virtually with your advisor before you finalize your decision.

**Choices are permanent:** At 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2020, if you have elected to allow a course to remain in the default grading scheme (A to F) or have selected the “CR/NC” grading option, your decision will be final and permanent. Before that, students will have the option to change between grading modes as they wish. The University will not approve grade change appeals based on your decision to change or not change grading modes. ***The deadline to withdraw has been extended to April 23, 2020 for both graduates and undergraduates.***

## **HOW TO MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE:**

- 1) Log in to UCONNECT with your student credentials. After logging into UCONNECT, we recommend you refresh your browser to access the upgrade links.
- 2) Go to the “Records and Registration” tab



The screenshot shows the UCONNECT interface for 'Records & Registration'. On the left is a navigation menu with 'Home', 'Records & Registration', 'Financial Aid', 'Pay My Bill', and 'Life at TAMIU'. The main content area is titled 'Records & Registration' and 'Home Community / Records & Registration'. Below this is a section for 'Grade Mode Change Credit/Non-Credit'. The text in this section states: 'TAMIU will offer undergraduate students a credit/non-credit grading option for Spring 2020. Students will have the ability to opt-in to this new grading option on a course-by-course basis. It is suggested that students should reach out to their advisor to fully understand any possible ramifications on their program of study and plans for the future. This will be a one-time option, decided by the student for this semester. The last date for students to decide to select their credit/non-credit grading option will be Thursday, April 23, 2020. After this date, no changes on grade mode will be allowed.' A red button labeled 'Change Course Option' is visible at the bottom of this section.

- 3) Click on “Change Course Option”
- 4) Select “Spring 2020”

- 5) You will be redirected to the Change Grade Mode site. There, you will be able to see all of your courses for the Spring 2020 semester.
- 6) Each course will have a drop-down menu allowing you to choose from the different grading options. The default option is letter grade, so if you wish to maintain letter grading mode, you do **not** need to make any changes.

<b>Financial Management</b>	
Course:	21766 FIN 3310 781
Credit Hours:	3.000
Grade Mode:	<input type="text" value="Normal Grade"/>
Course Level:	<input type="text" value="Normal Grade"/> <input type="text" value="Credit/Non Credit"/>

- 7) Select Credit/Non Credit option for *each* of the classes you wish to change to the CR/NC grading mode.
- 8) Click on “Submit Changes”
- 9) Review Selection(s)

In order to make changes to the grade mode, you must clear any pending holds affecting registration. **Existing holds will prevent you from making changes to your grade mode.**

**Please note:** You will be able to make *unlimited* changes to the grade mode ONLY until the **deadline: Thursday, April 23, 11:59 p.m.** After that deadline, **all changes are final.** **No changes or appeals will be accepted to reverse your decision.**