CR/F grading in Winter 2020 prompted many questions.

This guide outlines how the Faculty of Science will use CR/F course grades to help you decide if applying for a CR grade is the right choice for you.
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THE BASICS

What does CR mean?
CR stands for “Credit Received.” There is no weighted GPA value associated with CR like there is with a letter grade. You receive full credit for the units associated with the course (usually 3 units).

Can I use a course with CR as a prerequisite for another class?
YES

Can courses with D or D+ grades that I convert to CR be used as a prerequisite?
YES

Can I use a course with CR as a prerequisite for admission to another program at UCalgary?
YES
**THE BASICS**

You can apply for CR if you defer your final assessment

The deadline to apply for CR on deferred final assessment grades is June 12, 2020

Can I change a failed course to a CR grade? A failed course will remain an F on your file.

Will anyone see my original letter grade if I apply for CR? Your student record and transcript will only show the CR grade you chose.

Are Spring and Summer 2020 courses eligible for a CR grade? Only Winter 2020 grades are eligible for CR.

NO

NO

NO
**THE BASICS**

**Weighted Grade**
These grades count towards all GPA calculations

- A+, A, A-,
- B+, B, B-,
- C+, C, C-,
- D+, D

**F Grades before and after W20**

**Unweighted Grade**
These grades do not count towards any GPA calculations

- CR
- W

**F Grades from W20 ONLY**

**Weighted Grade**
These Grade count towards all GPA calculations

- F
GPA Calculations

1) Graduation Honours First Class Honours and Distinction Convocation Awards and Medals
2) Dean’s List
3) Change of Program (CoP) Admission to Honours Programs
4) Admission to the Internship Program
### GPA CALCULATIONS

#### Graduation

Minimum 120 units required to graduate. **CR grades count towards this minimum** (min. 150 for combined degree)

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<th>courses used when doing the calculation</th>
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<td>120 units completed in degree</td>
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<td>12 units CR from W20</td>
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<td>108 units used to calculated CGPA</td>
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#### Graduation CGPA

Your cumulative GPA is calculated on all courses in your degree that carry weight.

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<th>CPSC 231 - A</th>
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<td>CPSC 413 - B</td>
<td>CPSC 511 - CR</td>
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<td>CPSC 457 - D</td>
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#### Major Field CGPA

2.000 GPA is the required cumulative average for all courses in your major field.

- CPSC 231 - A
- CPSC 233 - B
- SENG 300 - C
- CPSC 313 - B
- CPSC 331 - B
- CPSC 355 - C
- CPSC 359 - C+
- CPSC 449 - C+
- CPSC 413 - B
- CPSC 457 - D
**GPA CALCULATIONS**

**Graduation**

- **Honours**: Students must achieve a minimum 3.300 GPA on the most recent weighted 90 units.
- **First Class Honours**: Students must achieve a minimum 3.600 GPA on the most recent weighted 90 units.
- **Convocation Awards and Medals**: GPAs for convocation medals are calculated using the most recent weighted 90 units.

**CR and W20 F grades are unweighted.** Therefore, if you have CR or W20 F grades we will look at earlier terms for weighted grades when calculating your GPA. In cases where only some grades from a term are required to make up the most recent 90 units, we use the highest graded course(s) from that term in the GPA calculation.
GPA for Dean’s list for each year is calculated on all courses taken over the previous Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter terms. CR and F grades are part of 24 units needed to be evaluated for the Dean’s list but will not be used in the calculation to determine if you are eligible for the Dean’s list.

### EXAMPLE

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<th>Grades</th>
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<td>Courses in Units</td>
<td>1</td>
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| Number of Courses | 1 | 4 | 4 | 9 |

| Courses in Units | 3 | 12 | 12 | 25 |
Change of Program

Regular Change of Program
most recent weighted
30 units from Fall 2020
And back

Courses are used starting with Fall term grades and counting back 30 units. Students must complete a minimum of 12 units at the post-secondary level to use their university grades for a CoP application. CR grades will be used to meet that minimum 12 units.

Honours Change of Program
min. 3.300 GPA on most recent weighted 60 units & min. 3.300 on all Faculty of Science courses within that group of 60 units

Students must complete a minimum of 30 units to qualify for admission to an Honours program. CR grades are used to meet this 30 unit minimum.
# GPA CALCULATIONS

## Change of Program example

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<td>Total weighted courses used towards GPA calculation</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>10</td>
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<tr>
<td>10 courses used to calculate COP GPA</td>
<td>A-, A-</td>
<td>A, B, C+</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>A, A-, B+ B</td>
<td>= 3.37 competitive GPA</td>
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Students must complete a minimum of 60 units by the end of Fall 2020 to qualify for admission to the Internship program. **CR grades are used to meet the 60 unit minimum.** See Example of how we choose the 30 units used in the GPA calculation:

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Academic Review

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3) **Academic Turn Around Program (ATP)**
4) **Are you currently in ATP?**

Other

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# Academic Review

## The Basics

The Faculty of Science conducts Academic Review after every Winter term.

You are eligible for Academic Review once you completed 18 units of courses. If you did not complete 18 units of courses in your first year, or since your last academic review, we defer your review to the following Winter term.

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<td>July</td>
<td>Aug</td>
<td>Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec</td>
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ALL COURSES from these terms are considered in the review

Good Standing is a minimum GPA of 2.000 on all weighted courses taken within the review year. **CR and W20 F grades towards the 18 unit minimum that activates academic review but are not part of the GPA calculation to determining standing.**
ACADEMIC REVIEW
Student Standings

- **ATP**
  Review GPA is less than 1.70 on 18 units or more, or you have previously been on probation. ATP is a great program.

- **Probation**
  Review GPA is 1.70-1.999 on 18 units or more and no previous probation. We support students on probation!

- **Current Standing**
  Completed less than 18 units. Possible if you are a part-time student.

- **Good Standing**
  Review GPA is 2.000+ on 18 units or more. The majority of Science students are in good standing.

Unsure what your academic standing is currently? Please contact a Program Advisor in the USC to clarify your status.
ACADEMIC REVIEW

Academic Turnaround Program

ATP

The Academic Turnaround Program helps students experiencing academic difficulty. Participation in the Academic Turnaround Program requires students meet certain terms and conditions to continue their programs on probation.

Participants

All students invited to participate in ATP receive detailed instructions on the conditions and deadlines associated with the program. These invitations are sent to students’ university email account only. Please ensure your contact information is up to date and that you monitor your university email account. Deadlines are firm.
ACADEMIC REVIEW
Students currently in ATP

An automatic review is done after Winter term automatically when you are admitted to ATP:

* Only courses with weighted grades are used in calculating your GPA. CR and W20 F grades are unweighted.

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All courses from these terms are considered in the automatic REVIEW

The following scenarios apply to students who entered ATP following the Winter 2019 Review. CR grades will be used to determine if a review needs to occur. If you were in ATP prior to Winter 2019, please contact a program advisor in the Undergraduate Science Centre

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<td>Review GPA of 2.00+ on 18 units or more</td>
<td>Probation Cleared</td>
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<td>Review GPA of 2.00+ on less than 18 units</td>
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<td>Continue of Probation, next review Winter 2021</td>
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OTHER Scholarships and Awards

We will use CR-graded courses to determine if a candidate has satisfied the number of units required for a scholarship or award.

Qualifying GPA, however, will be calculated using courses with a weighted GPA value. Please consult the terms of reference for external awards carefully for differences to this policy.
Graduate and professional programs at the University of Calgary are working to develop admissions policies that reflect the sudden and unexpected changes during the Winter 2020 term. They will communicate their updated admission requirements to current and future applicants as decisions are made.

If you have concerns about how a CR-graded course might affect admission into one of these programs, either at the University of Calgary or at another institution, you should contact the program directly for more information.