



## OPTIONAL CREDIT/NO CREDIT GRADING POLICY

A student may elect to be graded on a CR/NC basis in those courses which are designated by the University as being approved for optional grading (refer to the Class Schedule and/or University Catalog). Some courses are designated mandatory CR/NC which means all the students in the course receive either CR or NC. The following conditions apply:

1. A student may take up to 2 courses per quarter, not to exceed 8 units, on a CR/NC basis. The total number of units which are graded CR/NC may not exceed 24 units for all Cal Poly work to be counted towards a bachelor's degree, and 8 units for a master's degree.

All transfer work designated as CR/NC will be mandatory CR/NC only. Enrollment in mandatory CR/NC will not be counted in the limits defined in #1 above.

2. A student who opts for CR/NC must already be regularly enrolled in the course(s). The student must file the CR/NC request in the Records Office before the end of the third week of classes. A student may not change from one grading option to another after the end of the third week of classes.
3. Under the repeated course policy, a course may not be repeated as CR/NC if the student was enrolled previously for the traditional letter grade option. However, this rule does not apply to those courses which **may be repeated for credit**, such as Physical Education activity courses. See the catalog course description.
4. To be eligible to opt for CR/NC grading, an undergraduate student must have earned at least a 2.0 GPA and a graduate student a 3.0 GPA in all Cal Poly work attempted. New students enrolling at Cal Poly for the first time are eligible if they were admitted on a "clear" basis.
5. Courses in the student's major ("Core Courses in Major" or Option Courses" on the student's curriculum sheet) may not be taken as CR/NC unless designated as mandatory CR/NC grading.

### 6. UNDERGRADUATE AND SECOND BACHELOR'S DEGREE STUDENTS

Undergraduate courses taken for CR/NC will be graded as CR for coursework equivalent to a grade of C or better and NC for C- or lower.

Graduate courses will be graded CR and A/B grade and NC for B- or lower.

### 7. GRADUATE STUDIES

Graduate courses taken for CR/NC will be graded as CR for A/B grade and NC for B- or below.

Courses below 300 taken for CR/NC will be graded CR for C grade or better and NC for C- or lower and will not be counted in the 2 course/8 unit limit.

### 8. CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

Except for courses in the major or option, all Credit by Examination will be graded on CR/NC basis only. Courses in a student's major or option will be given letter grades only.