

ADDENDUM TO THE GRADING POLICY FOR FALL 2020¹

Special COVID-19 Flexible Grading Policy for the Fall 2020 Semester

1. During the Fall 2020 semester, all Queensborough Community College students enrolled in courses with the credit/no credit (CR/NC) policy shall have the option to convert some or all of the (B+ through F) letter grades they earn in these classes to Credit/No Credit grading.
2. The following courses are excluded from Credit/No Credit grading at Queensborough Community College. Students are not able to choose Credit/No Credit grading for these courses.
 - BU-102: Principles of Accounting II
 - HA-100: Therapeutic Massage
 - HA-102: Western Massage I
 - HA-103: Eastern Massage II
 - HA-202: Western Massage III
 - HA-203: Massage Practicum I
 - HA-209: Thai Massage
 - HA-220: Pathology for Massage Therapy
 - MP-101: Introduction to the Recording Studio and MIDI
 - MP-102: Digital Music Sequencing
 - MP-103: Recording Techniques I: Studio Equipment
 - MP-204: Digital Sound Design
 - MP-205: Recording Techniques II: Studio Operation
 - MUS-111: Musicianship I
 - MUS-112: Musicianship II
 - MUS-121: Music Theory I
 - MUS-132: Class Instruction in Piano II
 - MUS-221: Music Theory III
 - MUS-223: Sight Reading and Ear Training III
 - MUS-225: Jazz Theory and Improvisation I
 - MUS-231: Class Instruction Piano III
 - NU-101: Safe and Effective Nursing Care Level I
 - NU-102: Safe and Effective Nursing Care Level II
 - NU-201: Safe and Effective Nursing Care Level III
 - NU-202: Safe and Effective Nursing Care Level IV
 - NU-204: Nursing and Societal Forces
 - PH-201: General Physics I
 - PH-301: College Physics I
 - PH-421: General Calculus Physics A
3. The Nursing and Massage Therapy programs at Queensborough Community College require a grade of C or above for entry. Students who are enrolled in or intend to apply for these programs are strongly advised against selecting the CR option for the following courses as it could impact eligibility.
 - BI-301: Anatomy and Physiology I
 - BI-302: Anatomy and Physiology II
 - BI-311: Microbiology
 - BI-330: Myology
 - ENGL-101: English Composition I
 - MA-119: College Algebra
 - MA-336: Statistics
 - PSYC-101: Psychology
4. Students will be able to make this decision for eligible courses between December 24, 2020 and January 12, 2021. Once selected, the CR/NC option cannot be reversed.

5. If a student chooses to exercise this option for an eligible course, a passing letter grade (B+ through D-) will convert to 'CR' with credit for the class being awarded, while a failing grade (F) will convert to 'NC', with no credit awarded. Credit/No Credit grades will not impact the student's GPA.
6. Courses taken for a letter grade will continue to be included in the semester and general GPA, while courses taken for a Credit/No Credit grade will be excluded.
7. If a student exercises the option of Credit/No Credit, the Credit (CR) grade will not negatively impact the student's progress toward degree completion.
8. Students with Credit/No Credit grades will be able to transfer those courses across colleges within CUNY, per current CUNY policy.
9. The Fall 2020 CR/NC Policy shall apply to coursework completed on Permit and will not affect Board of Trustees Policy 1.14 – Policy on Coursework Completed on Permit.
10. Students placed on academic probation at the start of the Fall 2020 semester who choose Credit/No Credit grades shall not be penalized with academic dismissal based upon their grades earned during the Fall 2020 semester.
11. The Fall 2020 CR/NC Policy shall not affect the University standards of student retention and progress in accordance with Board of Trustees Policy 1.26.
12. Before choosing this grading option for one or more of their classes, students are strongly recommended to consult with their academic and financial aid advisors regarding potential impact to their financial aid, licensure requirements, and graduate school admissions.
13. Except for courses explicitly excluded above, the policy shall supersede and override all grading policies currently in effect at Queensborough Community College, including those related to required and elective courses within the major, minor, general education (Pathways), pre-requisite courses, honors courses, and courses taken on permit.
14. The grade glossary, attached to each transcript, will be updated to include a notation denoting that all Fall 2020 grades, including CR or NC, were earned during a major disruption to instruction as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

¹*The Queensborough Community College Grading Policy to which this Addendum refers is available in the 2020-2021 College Catalog "Academic Standing" section, pp. 44-50.*