**Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) FAQ**

Students will need to be well advised on how to choose which grading base they prefer (especially for financial aid eligibility). All students need to maintain both GPA (see below) and PACE (a 67% passing rate for courses completed/units attempted) in order to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and be eligible for financial aid.

Undergraduate students must maintain a GPA of 2.0 (after two academic years) and a PACE of 67%

Credential students must maintain a GPA of 2.5 and a PACE of 67%

Graduate students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 and a pace of 67%

* CR/NC grades can have an impact on Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). SAP is measured by cumulative GPA and Program Pace. CR/NC grades have no impact on GPA. Any NC grades will have the same impact on SAP and Pace calculations as an F or WU. Any CR grades will count as units earned in these calculations, but will not help any GPA concerns.
* No Credit (NC) grade(s) will **not** be counted as earned credits for SAP purposes, resulting in a potentially decreased PACE. Also, please note, NC grades **will be** counted as unsuccessfully “earned” credits for Financial Aid eligibility purposes.
* If you withdraw from the term with the Registrar’s Office, please specify ***if*** your withdrawal is COVID-19 related at the time you withdraw from the University.
* Financial Aid considers NC grade(s) equivalent to the grades of F or W or “I” for financial aid purposes and aid calculation for withdrawals (R2T4). The R2T4 calculation determines how much of the aid you have “earned” in class time and how much would need to be repaid, if any.
* Financial aid evaluates SAP PACE based on “successfully earned units” of D and above. Therefore, even though a student is granted a successfully earned unit for financial aid purposes with a grade of D, a D grade is also equivalent to a NC grade if the student opts for the No Credit option. The No Credit Option may negatively affect a student’s PACE, as a No Credit grade decreases the percentage of the passing rate for courses completed/units attempted.
* Credit/No Credit options have no impact to GPA. GPA remains the same. Credit/No Credit options however, may impact PACE (percentage rate for courses completed/units attempted).
* If a student’s GPA and/or PACE falls below the minimum required, the student would no longer be eligible for financial aid for the following term. The student may opt to complete and submit a [SAP appeal](http://www.fullerton.edu/financialaid/eligibility/SAP.php) for consideration for continuing aid eligibility *due to a qualifying emergency that was beyond their control, and must be able to demonstrate the ability to progress toward their degree moving forward*. The Office of Financial Aid evaluates each appeal on a case by case bases, per federal regulations.