

Economics Department Grade Policies for Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021
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The College granted students the opportunity to choose a non-graded option for all Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Summer 2021 courses. The non-graded options and their associated grade cutoffs are:

1. Credit (CR) for grades C or higher.
2. General Credit (GC) for passing grades C- and below.
3. No Credit (NC) for failing grades.

This does not map perfectly to ECON requirements.

First, based on the Provost policy, courses taken for CR/GC/NC during fall 2020 do count toward curricular, major, and graduation requirements. This is a departure from the standard Department policy which states that “no course taken credit/no credit may be used to satisfy major and concentration.”

Second, the Department has several letter grade and GPA requirements. For these, we have been asked to adopt the standards specified below.

A. Requirements for Major Declaration.

1. Complete at least two graded economics courses at UVA

Fall 2020: Courses with a CR and GC grade satisfy this requirement.

2. Perform to satisfactory standards in economics courses. This requirement can be met in one of two ways:

(a) Economics GPA of at least 2.3, where courses taken on the COVID grading scale will be scored as follows:

- CR will count as 2.3;
- GC will count as 1.7;
- NC will count as 0.0 in the calculation of GPA.

(b) Students who do not satisfy (a), but who believe that their performance in their economics courses graded on the COVID scale would, if graded on the standard scale, result in an overall GPA in their economics courses of 2.3 or above, may request a review of their performance in these courses. Requirement (2) will be satisfied if this review determines that, if the student’s performance were scored on the standard (non-COVID) scale in these

courses, their overall economics GPA would be 2.3 or above. To request this review, please contact Annamarie Black (ab3f@virginia.edu)

3. Complete Calc II, statistics, and Intermediate Micro with minimum grade of C+

Fall 2020: A CR grade satisfies this requirement.

B. Concentration Requirements

1. Finance Concentration: a minimum grad of B in Econ 4720.

Fall 2020: A CR grade satisfies this requirement.

2. Public Policy Concentration: minimum grade of B in ECON 3010 (or 3110)

Fall 2020: A CR grade satisfies this requirement.

C. Requirements for Graduation

1. ECON GPA of at least 2.0:

Fall 2020: Courses taken in Fall 2020 with the non-graded option: CR will count as 2.3 in the calculation of GPA; GC will count as 1.7 in the calculation of GPA; and NC will count as 0.0 in the calculation of GPA.

2. ECON GPA above 2.0 at end of 6th semester:

Fall 2020: Courses taken in Fall 2020 with the non-graded option: CR will count as 2.3 in the calculation of GPA; GC will count as 1.7 in the calculation of GPA; and NC will count as 0.0 in the calculation of GPA.