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Dear F-1 International Students,

As a result of the COVID -19 pandemic, CUNY has implemented a “Special COVID-19 Flexible Grading Policy for the Spring 2020 Semester” effective March 30, 2020. BMCC has made these changes and the guidelines are as follows:

(Please read each line very carefully.)

### **Spring 2020 Semester**

**International students on valid F-1 student status would not be negatively affected by this flexible grading policy for the Spring 2020 semester. Before choosing this grading option for one or more of your classes, F-1 international students should consult with their academic advisor and international student advisor (DSO).**

- All students shall have the option to convert any or all of the (A-F) letter grades they earn in their classes, to Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) grading.
- Students shall be able to make this decision up to **20 business days** after the University’s final grade submission deadline. Once selected, the CR/NC option cannot be reversed.
- If a student chooses to exercise this option, a passing letter grade (A, B, C, or 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.**
- Courses taken for a letter grade will continue to be included in the semester and general GPA, while courses taken for a Credit/Non-credit grade will be excluded, just as is the case with such courses taken at a student’s home institution.
- If a student exercises the option of Credit/No Credit, the Credit (CR) grade will not negatively impact the student’s satisfactory progress toward degree completion.



- Students with Credit/No Credit grades will be able to transfer those courses across colleges within CUNY, per current CUNY policy.
- Students placed on academic probation by their institution at the start of the Spring 2020 semester shall not be penalized with academic dismissal based upon their grades earned this semester.
- The grade glossary, attached to each transcript, will be updated to include a notation denoting that all Spring 2020 grades, including CR or NC, were earned during a major disruption to instruction as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Should you have any further questions, please direct them to your DSO or our international inbox: [internationalstudents@bmcc.cuny.edu](mailto:internationalstudents@bmcc.cuny.edu). For the complete details on this *CUNY Special COVID-19 Flexible Grading Policy for the Spring 2020 Semester*, refer to BMCC's Office of Registrar website at -- <https://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/registrar/policies-and-procedures/>.

Be assured that the ISSO team is here to provide you support during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,  
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