



ACADEMIC POLICY

Credit/No Credit Grade

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Will my professor know that I am taking their class for credit/no-credit?

No. Instructors will not know your grading status has changed and will continue to submit grades as they normally would. Once submitted, the grades are converted to Credit (Y) or No Credit (Z) in the system.

2. How do I know if I can take a course for credit/no-credit?

It is always good to consult with your advisor before requesting the Credit/No Credit grade. You may not take any courses with a Kent Core designation, are developmental (00000-09999) or graduate level (50000-89999), graded S/U or will be used satisfy a requirement in your major, minor, concentration or certificate. You can refer to your GPS audit to see if the course meets one of those requirements.

3. How do I request to take a course for credit/no-credit?

The Credit/No Credit Request Form is searchable on the [Forms and Requests](#) website. Make sure to check the deadlines to request (last day to add the course).

4. What is the difference between S/U graded and Credit/No Credit (Y/Z)?

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) is a specific grade mode that is particular to a course and cannot be changed. Grades earned are either S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory- F). An S/U-graded course cannot be taken for Credit/No-Credit. Whereas a Credit/No-Credit course (Y/Z) is a standard letter-graded course that a student can elect to take Credit/No-Credit.

5. What is deadline to request the Credit/No Credit grade?

The last day to request the Credit/No Credit grading option varies by term coinciding with the last day to drop the course, see [registration deadlines and important dates](#). If your course is not full term (e.g., six-week course), the deadline may be different. To find the deadline, access the Detailed Class Search from the Schedule of Classes. After locating the course, click on the "Registration Deadlines" link to find the last day to drop the course. This information is also available on your Course Schedule in [FlashLine](#).

6. What if I changed my major and now, I need a grade in the course? Do I have to retake the class?

If you earn a Credit (Y) grade and later declare a major, minor, concentration or certificate program that requires the course, you may apply the course with the Credit (Y) grade to program requirements, if applicable. However, all subsequent required courses must be completed with regular grading.

7. How will the Credit/No-Credit grade affect my financial aid?

A course graded as Credit (Y) will count as earned hours for financial aid satisfactory academic progress. Scholarship eligibility and renewal requirements are available in FlashLine — just click on the name of your scholarship under Financial Aid Awards. If you have any questions regarding requirements to continue your financial aid or scholarship, contact the [Financial, Billing and Enrollment Center](#).

8. Can I transfer to another university a course that I took Credit/No-Credit (or Pass/Fail) at Kent State?

That is the decision of the college or university to which you intend to transfer. Some institutions do not accept transfer coursework taking on a credit/no credit basis. You will want to consult with the transferring institution about its policies.

9. Can I transfer to Kent State a course that I took credit/no-credit from another university?

You may transfer an undergraduate course for which you earned college credit as long as it is not considered developmental.

10. What grades are equal to the Credit grade, and what grades equal a No Credit grade?

A, B, C and D (+/-) grades will be converted to Credit (Y). F grades will be converted to No Credit (Z).

11. Can graduate students request the Credit/No Credit grade?

Yes, as long as it is an undergraduate course and (a) not a Kent Core course and (b) not developmental (00000-level) course. It is highly recommended to check first with your advisor if you are a graduate student and taking an undergraduate course as a prerequisite requirement for your graduate program.

12. Will the Credit grade meet the prerequisite for the next course?

The Credit grade is equated to "passing"; therefore, if the prerequisite requires only a passing grade (i.e., does not mention a specific grade) then, yes, the grade will meet the prerequisite. If the prerequisite mentions a specific grade (e.g., "minimum C grade in NEUR 30100"), a Credit grade will not meet that prerequisite.