

# **ANU Semester 1, 2020 Grading System – Frequently Asked Questions**

## Grade Change eForm – Deadline Extension

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### When is the deadline to submit the Grade Change eForm?

The deadline to submit the Grade Change eForm has been extended from 16 July to **11:59 pm (AEST), Sunday 19 July 2020**.

### What does the extension mean?

You will be able to complete the Grade Change eForm on [this webpage](#) and make any changes to your application until **11:59 pm (AEST), Sunday 19 July 2020**.

If you had technical issues with submitting your application, we recommend that you delete any existing application and submit a new application. We also ask that you do not submit multiple Grade Change eForm applications.

You will not be able to make any further changes after the deadline has passed, unless you have an interim grade or have applied for an assessment appeal.

## About the Semester 1, 2020 Grading System

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### What is the Semester 1, 2020 Grading System?

We recognise that Semester 1, 2020 has been a very disruptive time for you and your learning. To assist students during this time, a new grading system has been developed for Semester 1, 2020.

This new grading system will allow you to opt-in to change your grades to either:

<b>Course Requirements Satisfied (CRS)</b>	Instead of a passing grade e.g. High Distinction (HD), Distinction (D), Credit (C), Pass (P) or Pass at a Supplementary Exam (PS)
<b>Course Requirements Not Satisfied (CRN)</b>	Instead of a fail grade e.g. Fail (N) or Not Completed/Fail (NCN)

The opt-in periods are strictly limited. Students should carefully consider this offer and their personal circumstances, noting you cannot roll-back to your original mark/grade in the future.

Students with an interim grade e.g. DA, PX or RP or an [assessment appeal](#) will be provided an opportunity to opt-in to the new grading system at a later date. Further information on this process will be provided on this webpage.

Please note, the new grading system is **optional**. This means that if you are happy with any final grade you have received for Semester 1, 2020, you do not have to change to a CRS or CRN grade.

### Will this grading system be applied for Semester 1, 2020 only, or will it be for the whole year?

At this stage, the University has decided to apply this grading system for Semester 1, 2020 only.

## Eligibility

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### **Who is eligible for the Semester 1, 2020 Grading System?**

Any current ANU student enrolled in a coursework course in Semester 1, 2020 will be eligible to opt-in for the new grading system. This includes domestic and international students, and undergraduate, postgraduate and HDR students (coursework courses only).

Please note, some courses will not be eligible due to academic requirements, and these will be identified by your Academic College.

## eForm Opt-in Process

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### **How can I opt-in for a CRS or CRN grade?**

Students can elect to opt-in for the new grading system via an eForm, which will be made available after Semester 1, 2020 grades are released on 9 July 2020.

The form will be available on this page: <https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/assessments-exams/semester-1-2020-grading-system>.

### **When will the opt-in eForm close?**

The opt-in eForm was available from 9 July 2020, and will close at **11:59 pm (AEST), Sunday 19 July 2020**.\*

*\*Please see the section titled 'Grade Change eForm – Deadline Extension' for further information.*

### **Why do I need to complete the opt-in eForm to get a CRS or CRN grade?**

You have the option to opt-in to new grading system for Semester 1, 2020. A simple eForm is required so that you could identify which course grade/s you would like to convert to CRS or CRN.

Completing the eForm also formally acknowledges to the University that you agree to making the grade change.

## Important information about Academic Progress

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### **Will the CRS and CRN grades affect my GPA?**

Each Academic College has indicated which courses are excluded from the New Grading System. The full list can be found on this page. This list includes honours courses.

If the course you're interested in changing to a CRS or CRN is not on the excluded list, then no numerical mark will be recorded for the course. This means your GPA will not be impacted.

We understand that it is hard to decide whether you should opt-in for the New Grading System. While we cannot make this decision for you, can calculate your GPA [on this webpage](#) to see if opting-in to change one, two, three or all of your grades would be beneficial for your degree.

### **Does a CRS or CRN grade count towards my academic progression?**

CRS means that course requirements have been met and that the unit with this grade for that course will count if the course is included in the program requirements as detailed on Programs and Courses for your degree or award.

CRN means that course requirements have not been met and that the unit with this grade will not count if the course is included in the program requirements as detailed on Programs and Courses for your degree or award.

Courses with a CRN grade will be treated like failed grades and need to be repeated as described in the program requirements of your degree or award.

### **How will ANU communicate the Semester 1, 2020 Grading System to other universities and organisations for degree verification?**

Information on the new grading system is reflected on both the [Grading Scale webpage](#) and the [Grade Point Average \(GPA\) webpage](#).

### **Can I change my mind after opting-in for a CRS and/or CRN grade?**

Once the change to your grade/s has been made, there will not be an opportunity to convert back to the original grade.

## Your Academic Transcript

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### **If I opt-in to convert my grade/s to either CRS or CRN, will my transcript still show a numerical mark for that course?**

If you opt-in for the new grading scheme, your academic transcript will not display the numerical mark for your course.

### **I have an interim grade (e.g. DA, PX, RP) for my Semester 1 course. Can I still opt-in once the grade has been resolved?**

Yes, students who have interim grades will be given an opportunity to opt-in to convert their grades to CRS or CRN when the course grade is finalised. Further information will be available on the Semester 1, 2020 Grading System webpage.

### **When will my CRN or CRS grade appear on ISIS and my academic transcript?**

Your CRS or CRN grade will appear on ISIS and your academic transcript once your application has been processed within 14 business days after the Grade Change eForm closes on **11:59 pm (AEST), Sunday 19 July 2020**.

We ask that you refrain from purchasing an academic transcript until you receive confirmation that your Grade Change eForm has been processed.

## Students Impacted by the Mainland China Travel Restrictions

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**If I fail a course in Semester 1, am I still able to opt-in for a CRS or CRN grade and remain eligible for the Hardship Scholarship and Special Dispensation?**

Yes, students who opt-in for a CRS or CRN grade will still be eligible for the Hardship Scholarship and Special Dispensation for any repeat courses.

## Additional Support and Information

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We understand that this semester has been quite disruptive to your studies. If you are feeling anxious or need some extra support during this time, there are a range of services available to you:

Service	Contact Details
ANU Wellbeing and Support Hotline <b>Counselling support available 24/7</b>	<b>Phone:</b> 1300 050 327 / <b>SMS:</b> 0488 884 170
ANUSA	<a href="mailto:sa.assistance@anu.edu.au">sa.assistance@anu.edu.au</a>
PARSA	<a href="mailto:parsa.assistance@anu.edu.au">parsa.assistance@anu.edu.au</a>

Other community services available across Australia and in the ACT can be found on [this webpage](#).

If you require additional information or further advice, please get in touch with [Student Central](#).