



Adjustments to Policies for Graduate Students in the Elliott School of International Affairs

Dear Students,

I hope you are doing well in spite of the current disruption caused by COVID-19. Below is important guidance on the updated academic policies related to graduate students.

Please continue to monitor the [GW COVID-19 website](#) as it is being updated regularly to include guidance for the whole university community, as well as the [Campus Advisories instructional continuity page](#), for the most up-to-date resources and information.

Most importantly, take good care of yourselves and know that the Elliott School is here to support you.

Sincerely,

Lisa Stephenson,
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Credit/No Credit

Graduate students may take courses as Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) toward their degrees. Per the [current graduate scholarship requirements](#), all courses must usually be taken for a letter grade, **but for this semester only:**

- Students of any academic standing may take as many courses as they wish CR/NC.
- Courses taken CR/NC can count toward core fields, specialization or concentration fields, electives, skills course fields, or capstone.
- Students may request a change in CR/NC status in a course until the last day of classes (Monday, April 27 at 5:00 pm EST).
- Courses taken as CR/NC do not contribute to overall GPA.
- To receive credit (CR), an average of C- or higher must be earned on coursework completed for the class.
- **Exception:** Language courses being taken to complete a program's language requirement must still be taken for a grade, and a B or higher earned.
- For [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) purposes, CR/NC classes **do** count against a student's progression rate. For additional questions, contact the [Office of Student Financial Assistance](#).

Consult your advisor as part of making your decision.

Your academic advisor will help you make an optimal choice and ensure the classes that you switch for CR/NC are appropriate for exercising the option. Please contact the [Office of Graduate Student Services](#) to make an appointment.

Additionally, consult if and as appropriate with international, military and veteran services advisors if you wish to use the CR/NC option in any of your classes to ensure that your choices do not adversely impact your future plans, visa status, or athletic status.

Please complete this [form](#) to switch to CR/NC and email to your academic advisor.

Academic Standing

Determinations of probation and/or suspension will be held in abeyance this semester, and will not be affected by the choice of taking a course credit/no credit. Please contact your academic advisor if you have questions.

Office Hours and Appointment Times

For students located in different time zones around the world, Elliott School faculty will endeavor to provide flexibility and hold virtual meetings with students at times that are manageable for both parties.

Additionally, the Office of Graduate Student Services is providing continuous service to students via virtual and phone appointments, as well as virtual drop-in hours starting next week. If you are not able to find a time that fits your schedule due to time zone differences, please email your academic advisor or career coach directly to find a time that works.

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