Dear UAA Students,

I have received several questions about the CR/NC option for summer courses. I know the unprecedented change of moving most courses to alternate delivery continues to present challenges for many of you, as you balance school, work and family obligations. To provide you flexibility, UAA will implement the following for summer 2020 semester.

**CREDIT/NO CREDIT GRADE OPTION**

You may elect to change the grade option for each of your classes to the Credit/No Credit basis instead of the letter grade option. A Credit grade earned in summer semester 2020 will count toward elective, pre-requisite, general education, degree, major and/or minor requirements.

The deadlines for your decisions are the following:

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You will have until the above deadlines to make the decisions for your summer 2020 courses. There will be an updated form on the Office of the Registrar’s forms site that you must submit by the deadline. For a variety of reasons, including possible adverse impact on your Financial Aid award, if applicable, it is recommended that you make this decision close to the deadline, and that you consult with your academic advisor and other relevant UAA offices. *If you do not wish to change to credit/no credit for your classes, you do not need to take any action.*

**What do you need to know about the Credit/No Credit Option?**

If you choose the Credit/No Credit option for a course and earn a final grade of A, B, or C, your transcript will show that you received the grade of Credit (CR). A grade of (CR) will have no negative consequences for Satisfactory Academic Progress or federal Financial Aid. Be aware that a CR grade will not automatically qualify you as having met a prerequisite for a future course. This means you will need an override to register for some courses in future semesters.

If you choose the Credit/No Credit option for a course and earn a final grade of D or F, your transcript will show that you received the grade of No Credit (NC). A grade of (NC) will impact Satisfactory Academic Progress, Financial Aid and VA Educational Benefits eligibility. A letter grade of D, on the other hand, is considered passing and does not have the same effects.
(CR)/(NC) grades do not impact Grade Point Average (GPA) either positively or negatively. If you take a course for grade improvement, a (CR) grade will not count as improving GPA for previous grades in the same course.

In some cases, you may want to receive a letter grade rather than a (CR) grade. For example, if you are applying to graduate or professional school or if letter grades are needed for a certification or licensure. Additionally, there will be a processing delay for a Credit/No Credit grade, which also might affect you.

FINANCIAL AID IMPLICATIONS

If you are receiving financial aid, you will want to discuss the possible impacts of the above decisions with the UAA Office of Financial Aid. Each kind of aid has different rules and regulations.

For this reason, I recommend that if you are receiving financial aid of any kind, you check on any financial aid implications before choosing the Credit/No Credit option, and that you wait until closer to the deadline, before choosing this option.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, MILITARY AND VETERAN STUDENTS, STUDENT ATHLETES

If you are an international student, a student athlete, and/or are receiving military tuition assistance or VA educational benefits, please be aware that you may be negatively impacted by electing a Credit/No Credit grade. If you are in one of these groups, you should not make any decisions without first checking on how it will impact your eligibility and funding.

Please work with your academic advisor when considering the above decisions. Your advisor can connect you with the appropriate assistance in other offices.

Sincerely,

John R. D. Stalvey, Ph. D.
Interim Provost