Spring Semester 2020 Grades
Credit/No Credit Grading Option for the School of the Arts
March 31, 2020

Dear Utah Valley University School of the Arts students,

UVU has given students the option of receiving a letter grade for courses (the norm) or formally choosing to receive "Credit" or "No Credit" in place of a grade. This letter is a follow-up to an email sent to all students on Monday, March 30 with the subject line "COVID-19 Campus Update: Grading Instruction."

The purpose of the document is to help you decide whether to continue to receive a letter grade (no action needed) or to change your status to credit/no credit for any of your courses. **Please exercise extreme caution** in choosing credit/no credit (CR/NC) because it may impact financial aid, formal admission and graduation requirements within your major, registration for subsequent courses, acceptance to certain programs at UVU, acceptance to graduate programs. Below are some details of how changing to credit/no credit may impact you.

· **Requirement to earn "credit":** For all classes in the School of the Arts(ART, ARTH, DANC, MUSC, and THEA course prefixes), you are only eligible to update the grading status to "Credit" in your course if your overall score in the class would have earned you a "D-" or higher.

   If you earn a grade lower than "D-" you have the option of updating your grading status to "No Credit". This would mean the course would not count towards your degree and you would need to retake the course.

   All graduation and formal admission requirements as listed in the Course Catalog and on Wolverine Track will not change or supersede this document. **For degree specific information for Art & Design, Dance, Music and Theatre, please see pages 4-5 of this document.**

· **Financial Aid Eligibility:** If you are a recipient of Pell grants, loans, or scholarships, your eligibility for these forms of financial aid might change if you choose to update your grading status as CR/NC. See https://www.uvu.edu/financialaid/aid/grades.html for more information. All tuition waivers for exceptional performance scholarships require a 2.5 GPA. All private scholarships need a 3.0. If you are a scholarship recipient, you are encouraged to check the requirements of your scholarship *before* making your course grading updates.

· **Requirements within Your Major**: Some programs and majors are not compatible with CR/NC grades and require a traditional letter grade. These might include programs where you need to meet a specific GPA or course grade requirement. A grade of CR would not fulfill these requirements. Check pages 4-5 of this document or with your major advisor for your specific courses.

· **Upcoming Courses that Require a Prerequisite Course**: Some of your classes this semester may be a prerequisite for future courses at UVU or elsewhere. Many prerequisites require a minimum letter grade. CR/NC grades are not a letter grade. For instance, in Art & Design, many

degrees require majors to have a B- in ART 1110, ART 1120, ART 1130, ART 1400, so a CR would not fulfill this requirement. See pages 4-5 for more details.

· **Requirements for Acceptance to Programs in SOA and Other Programs at UVU:** If you are planning to apply to other programs at UVU (e.g. BFA programs, secondary education, graduate programs), be aware that you may be required to receive a letter grade for classes that are prerequisites for those programs. Please check with advisors for any programs you hope to apply to.

· **Requirements for Acceptance to Graduate Programs**: If you are thinking about attending graduate programs in your future (e.g., master's or doctoral programs in any subject, medical school, dental school, etc.), be aware that many will have prerequisite courses and typically require letter grades for those courses.

· **GPA Requirements:** Many programs in SOA have specific GPA requirements for graduation. All degrees in Art & Design, Dance, Music, and Theatre require a specific GPA to graduate. While CR/NC grades don't hurt your GPA, they also don't help it. If you need to increase your GPA, that won't happen with CR/NC grading. An example of this is found in the Theatre department: to be involved in department productions, your GPA must be at least 2.0.

· **Transferring a Course to another University**: We hope you stay at UVU, but if you plan to transfer your coursework to another university or college, CR/NC grades may only be accepted as elective credit or may not be accepted at all.

· **International Students**: If you're an international student, you cannot have a "No Credit" or "Withdrawal." Your visa will be considered out of status with U.S. Immigration if you choose "No Credit" or "Withdrawal". For that reason, you should not choose "No Credit" or "Withdrawal".

· **Student Athletes**: Student athletes must maintain a specific GPA to be NCAA eligible. While CR/NC grades don't hurt your GPA, they don't help it either. If you need to increase your GPA, that won't happen with CR/NC grading.

What Should You Do Now? If you would like to continue to receive a letter grade for your courses, **no action is needed.** Before choosing the credit/no credit status for any of your classes, first please consider all of the above, talk with the professor of your course to confirm the grade you'll be getting in your course, check in with your area coordinator to make sure you're in alignment with your program's requirements and then speak with your Academic Advisor if you still have questions about what grading option might be best for you.

Deadlines and Instructions
Grade mode and withdrawal deadlines
Whether you are changing your course grade mode or withdrawing, the following deadlines apply:

*Full Semester	April 24 - 11:59 pm
Second Block	April 17 - 11:59 pm
Weekend College	April 23 - 11:59 pm

How to withdraw from a class
Withdrawal is not an option for international students
1. Log in to myUVU and select **Add or Drop Classes**.
2. Select **Add/Drop/Waitlist Classes** from the menu options.
3. Select the term **2020 Spring** then click **Continue.**
4. In the **Summary** section, locate the course from which you want to withdraw and select **Web Withdraw** from the Action menu.
5. Repeat step 4 as necessary for each course.
6. Important! Click **Submit** in the bottom right corner to save your changes.

As always, withdrawing from a course will result in a 'W' grade on your transcript (don't worry - your GPA is not harmed) and does not give you a tuition refund. However, it allows you a safe way to stop the course and retake it in a future semester.

How to change a course's grade mode
To select Credit / No Credit, follow these steps. **Remember, no action is needed on your part if you would like to receive a letter grade.**

1. Communicate with your **academic advisor.** We also recommend you speak with your instructors.
2. Communicate with a **financial aid counselor** (where applicable).
3. Review your college or school's **information website**.
4. Log in to our **CR/NC webform**.
5. Carefully **read and complete** the form.

Upon completion, a copy of your response will be sent to your academic advisor, the Financial Aid Office, and the Registrar's Office. You will be notified through your UVU student email account when your request has been processed.

GO TO THE CR/NC OPT-IN FORM

Please review the next page for specific GPA and course requirements in the School of the Arts.
Specific GPA and Course Requirements in the School of the Arts (2019-20 Calendar Year)
The following Graduation and Program Admission requirements must be met:

Art & Design
    BFA
- Overall GPA of 2.0 or above with 3.0 GPA or above in ART & ARTH courses. Courses within the student's area of emphasis must be completed with a C grade or above.
- ART 1110, ART 1120, ART 1130, ART 1400 and one of the following: ART 1210, ART 1350, ART 1420, ART 1750, or ART 2630 must be completed with a B- or higher.

    BA
- Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above with no grade lower than a C- in all Art & Design courses.
- ART 1110, ART 1120, ART 1130, ART 1400 and one of the following: ART 1050, ART 1350, ART 1420, or ART 1650 must be completed with a B- or higher before being formally admitted to the program.

    BA – Art History

- Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above and a grade point average of 3.0 (B) or above in all ARTH courses.

BS
- Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above. (Departments may require a higher GPA.)
- ART 1110, ART 1120, ART 1130, ART 1400 and one of the following: ART 1050, ART 1350, ART 1420, or ART 1650 must be completed with a B- or higher before being formally admitted to the program.

BS Art Education
- Overall GPA of 3.0 (B) or above with no grade lower than a C in major required content courses and no grade lower than a B- in Licensure and Methods courses.

AA/AS/AAS
- Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above. (Departments may require a higher GPA.)

Dance

BFA
- Overall GPA of 2.0 (C) or above.
- Overall GPA of 2.5 or above in all DANC courses.
- Completion DANC 2110, and DANC 2330 with B- or higher.
- Ballet emphasis: Completion of DANC 227R (2 semesters), with a grade of B- or higher.
- Modern emphasis: Completion of DANC 143R and DANC 144R with a B- or higher.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher.

BS in Ballroom
- Overall GPA of 2.0 (C) or above.
- Overall GPA of 2.5 or above in all DANC courses
- Completion of DANC 270R, DANC 271R, DANC 272R, DANC 2110, and DANC 2330 with a grade of B- or better.
- Pass audition, interview, and portfolio review with faculty members.
- Cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75 or higher.

Dance Education
- GPA of 3.0 or higher with no grade lower than a C in content area courses.
- Overall Grade of 3.0 (B) or above with no grade lower than a C or better in major required content courses and no grade lower than a B- in Licensure and Methods courses.
- Completion of DANC 1160, DANC 143R, DANC 144R, DANC 1610, DANC 2110, and DANC 2330 with B- or higher.

AS
- Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above. (Departments may require a higher GPA.)

Music

All Music degrees:
- Require a minimum grade of C in MUSC courses for Department of Music majors.
- MUSC 1150, 1160, 2150, 2160, 250R, 360R, 450R, and 455R courses require a grade of B or higher.

Commercial Music
- Must earn a C or higher in all DGM classes.

Music Education
- GPA of 3.0 or higher with no grade lower than a C in content area courses.
- MUSC 4220, 4221, 4360, and 4370 require a grade of B- or higher for B.S. Music Education students.

Theatre

 BFA
- Overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

 BS, AA, AS
- Overall grade point average of 2.5 or above.

 Theatre Education
- GPA of 3.0 or higher with no grade lower than a C in content area courses.
- Overall GPA of 3.0 (B) or above with no grade lower than a C in major required content courses and no grade lower than a B- in Licensure and Methods courses.