

Proposal: 3/26/2020

#### Graduate Student Grade Policy for COVID 19

The Council on Graduate Studies maintains that graduate education is uniquely different in form and substance as compared to undergraduate education. We are therefore not recommending significant grading modifications for graduate education at this time.

We believe that Eastern Illinois University has outstanding graduate faculty, who are committed to graduate student success, and also understand the new learning disruptions and research limitations placed on graduate students due to COVID 19. We firmly believe that EIU graduate faculty will be understanding of these various challenges, and encourage graduate faculty to adapt existing assignments as necessary in order to foster graduate student success and degree completion. The EIU Graduate Catalog, at this time, permits the grade of Credit/No Credit only for thesis, internships, field study, and independent study. We prefer to maintain this grading scale. The Graduate School will continue to consider policy appeals and will take into account conditions that were beyond the graduate student's control during this pandemic that may impact graduate student standing. CGS will permit the Graduate Dean, on a case by case basis, to consider student appeals to revise a letter grade to credit/no credit. Any appeal made to the Graduate Dean must contain specific information that addresses a student's inability to complete assigned graduate work during the spring semester 2020. Graduate students must have earned a grade of B or C to utilize this appeal process and may petition the Graduate Dean from May 13 to no later than August 1, 2020