Dear Students,

We hope you are staying safe and healthy. We know a lot of you have questions regarding the Credit or Non-Credit (CR/NC, pass or fail) option that was announced last week. Here’s what you need to know regarding civil and construction engineering degrees:

**For the Spring 2020 semester only:**
- CR will satisfy all degree requirements.
- CR will satisfy all prerequisite grade requirements.
- A grade of CR/NC will not impact your Cumulative GPA or EGPA.
- Receiving NC will not count as an attempt.
- If you are repeating a course, CR will replace the old grade and satisfy the requirement. Neither the CR or the old grade will be reflected in your GPAs. Receiving NC will not replace the old grade.

**Pre-Civil Students:**
- If your EGPA is below a 2.50 at the time of your application and you have CR grades from the Spring 2020 semester, you will be allowed to enroll in your next semester of courses. Once that semester is complete and you have raised your EGPA to 2.50 or above, you can apply for major status.

You have until **April 10th, 2020,** to decide whether to choose CR/NC. (Note - you can reverse this decision up until **April 17th, 2020**). The withdrawal deadline has also been extended to **April 10th, 2020.**

**Other things to consider:**

1. **GPA:** If you are trying to raise your Cumulative or EGPA this semester, you should keep your letter grade *if you are doing well.* Remember, CR/NC will not impact your GPAs.
2. If you are *graduating* this semester, you will need a minimum Cumulative GPA of a 2.00 and an EGPA of a 2.50. If you are currently below either GPA requirement, you will need to choose letter grades in courses that will raise your GPA/EGPA.
3. Selecting CR/NC may affect your *post-graduation goals* (i.e. graduate programs).
4. **Scholarships:** Opting for CR could affect your current scholarships or applying for future scholarships.
   a. The College of Engineering scholarship committee will be viewing CR as a C- grade unless the student is able to provide an explanation for why they opted to take the course CR/NC for the Spring semester. If the justification is deemed satisfactory, the CR grade will be ignored in the evaluation. Otherwise, it will be evaluated as a C-.
   b. Your current financial aid/scholarship may be affected if you go below 12 (or 15) credit hours. Please make sure to consult with the Financial Aid and Scholarship office before you withdraw from your class(es). This includes VA benefits and Athletic scholarships.

Every student’s situation is going to be different. We *strongly* encourage you to consult with your advisor and your instructors before making a decision.

We understand that this is a very stressful time and we’re here to help in any way that we can. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to us. We’re available by email cveenadvising@utah.edu or you can schedule a phone appointment with us https://www.civil.utah.edu/advisor.

Sincerely,
Wendy & Olivia