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# COVID-19 Temporary Academic Regulations

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The option of the “CR/F” grading scheme requires modifications to several academic regulations. The Faculty of Arts has also taken into consideration the heightened stress associated with the current health crisis and modified some regulations accordingly in the student's favour.

For students in the Faculty of Arts, the following temporary regulations have been established:

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## General “CR/F” Information

### Definitions

**“CR” - Completed Requirements:** Carries no weight in calculating the grade point average. Unit load will be recognized (e.g., 3 units).

**“F” - Failure. Did not meet course requirements:** Carries no weight in calculating the grade point average. Unit load will be recognized (e.g., 3 units).

N.B. For the Winter 2020 term only, all “F” grades will be converted automatically into non-weighted F’s. That is, you need not make a request to convert an F to an unweighted F via the CR/F request process.

### Common Concerns

Degree Requirements	Prerequisites	Request for Reappraisal of Final Grades	Full Year and Block Week Courses
A course with a CR grade counts towards degree requirements. It does not carry a grade point value, ie., it is not used in the calculation of the GPA.	<p>The CR grade will meet the C- in a prerequisite course. Prerequisites are intended to ensure that you are prepared for the more advanced level of study.</p> <p>If you feel that you may not be sufficiently prepared for the next course, the Student Success Centre offers a variety of resources for building academic skills and you are encouraged to check out their <a href="#">website</a>.</p> <p>If you want to take the same course again to increase your foundational knowledge, you should contact a program advisor for information about how the repeated course will be counted in your degree program.</p>	<p>If you think there has been an error in determining your final grade, you can request a re-appraisal of final grade <a href="#">website</a>.</p> <p>However, if you request a CR grade you are not eligible to also request a re-appraisal in that course.</p>	<p>Courses that span the fall and winter terms are eligible for the CR/F grade as the grade associated with the course is awarded in the Winter 2020 term.</p> <p>This also applies to three-unit courses that were scheduled as non-standard to take place over the fall and winter terms.</p> <p>Winter 2020 Block Week courses are eligible for CR/F grade.</p>

**Advising:** If you are unsure of your best option, you can contact the Arts Students’ Centre for assistance with various GPA calculations. Book an appointment [here](#) or email [artsads@ucalgary.ca](mailto:artsads@ucalgary.ca).

## Academic Review

### Review GPA

The academic review for students in the Faculty of Arts is conducted at the end of the Winter term. All students who have completed a minimum of 18 units since their last review are subject to review.

#### Review Units:

While a CR/F grade is not included in the GPA calculation, the units for a course recorded as CR/F will be used toward the 18 unit minimum needed for the review.

#### "F" Grades:

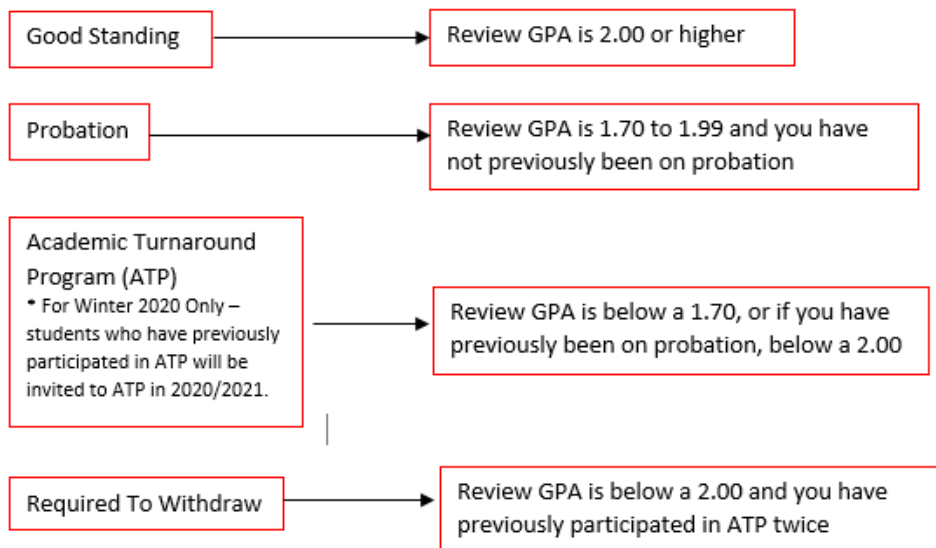
F grades in the Winter 2020 term will not be calculated in the review GPA. F grades from prior terms will be included in the GPA calculation with a weight of "0".

#### GPA Calculation:

GPA will be based on all courses completed since the last academic review that have a grade point value. In instances where a course has been repeated within the academic review period, both instances are included in the calculation.

### Academic Standing

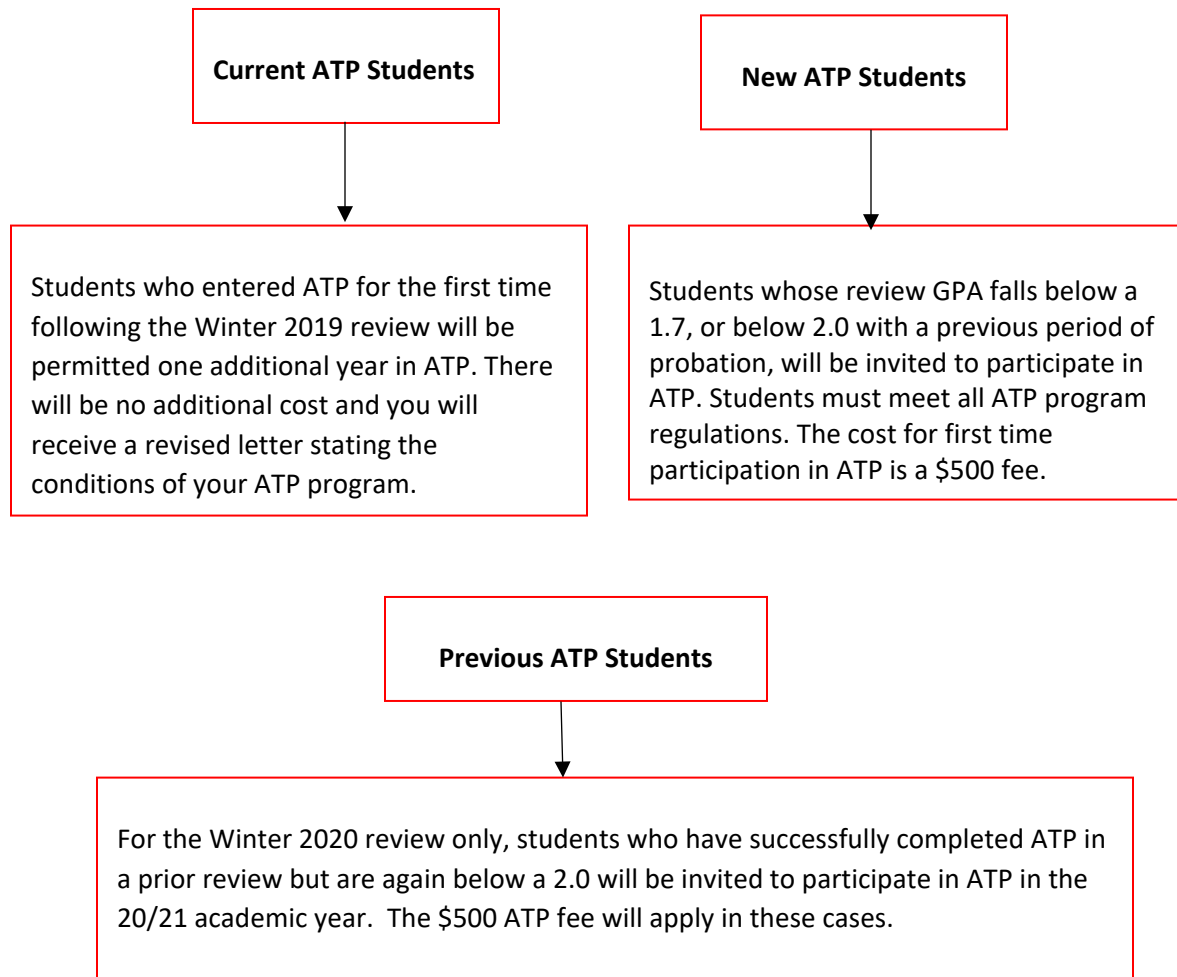
Your review GPA will determine your academic standing, which is noted on your transcript. The standings and GPA thresholds for students in the Faculty of Arts are as follows:



**N.B., if you have not completed 18 units since your last review, your standing will remain unchanged, unless you are currently in the Academic Turnaround Program, in which case you will be reviewed no matter how many units you have completed since your last review.**

## Academic Turnaround Program

The ATP provides students who are struggling academically an opportunity to improve their grades with the help of targeted support. Students in ATP must comply with required conditions or they will be required to withdraw.

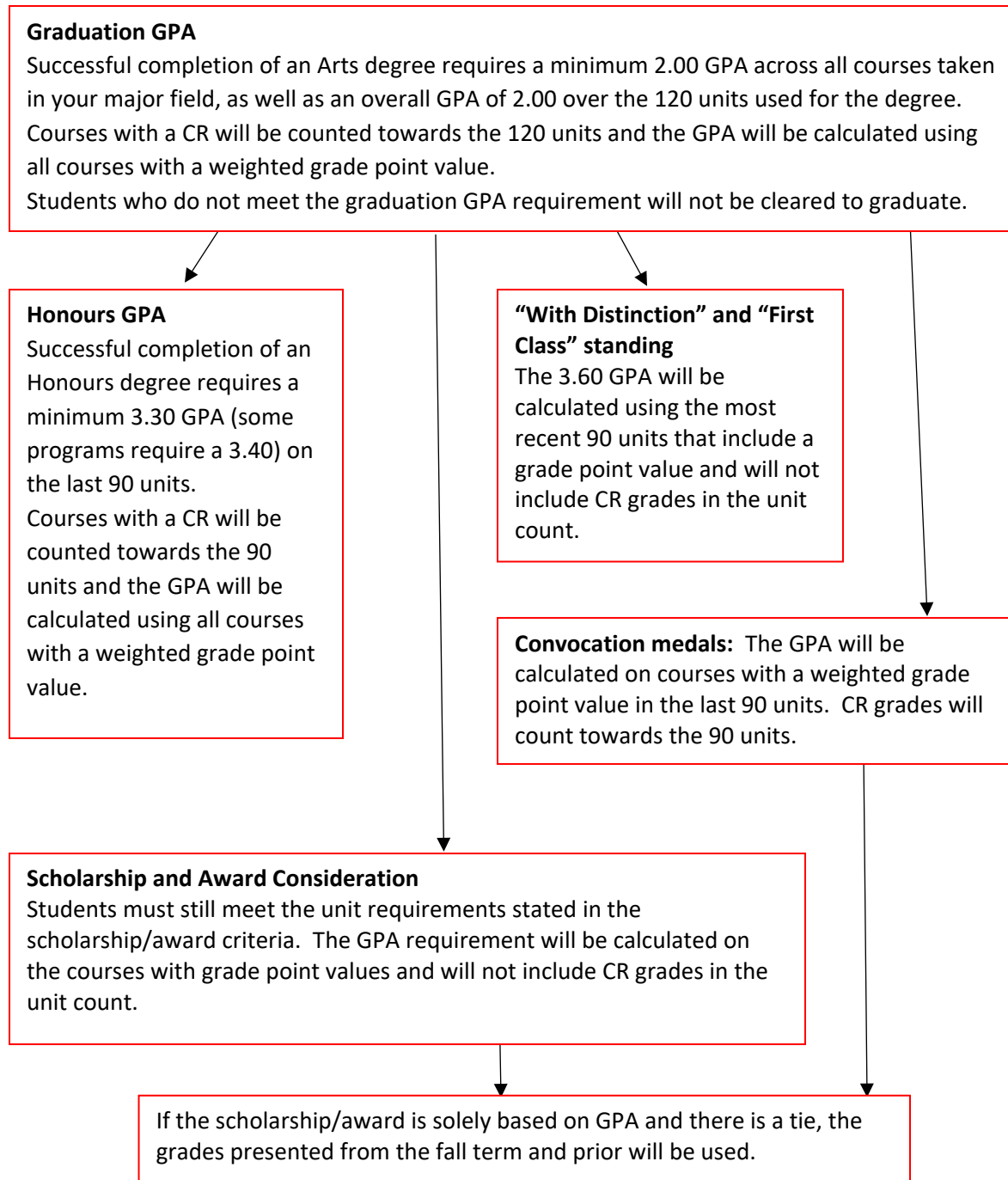


## Dean's List

To qualify for the Dean's List, you must have completed a minimum of 24 units over the Spring, Summer and Fall 2019 and Winter 2020 terms with a GPA of 3.60 or higher. This GPA is calculated to two decimal places and is not rounded up. Units completed with a CR/F will be included in determining if you have reached the 24 units and the GPA will be calculated using only the courses that have a weighted grade point value.

# Convocation and Awards

## Graduation Regulations



## Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Response
<b>How are CR/F Grades Requested?</b>	Students will make this choice after they have completed their Winter 2020 courses and received their final grades. You will have until May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020 to communicate your choices to the Registrars' Office. Details about the online submission process will be emailed to students by April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2020. See <a href="#">here</a> for more information.
<b>Will the CR/F grade apply to full year courses?</b>	Yes. Courses that span over the fall and winter terms will be eligible for the CR/F grade as the grade associated with the course is tied to the Winter 2020 term. This also applies to three unit courses that were scheduled as non-standard over the fall and winter terms.
<b>Will there be a grade point assigned to any grades that receive an "F" in the winter 2020 term?</b>	No, all "F" grades will not carry any weight. While they do not carry weight, they are still an indicator of a failure and will appear on the transcript.
<b>Will the CR count toward meeting degree and pre-requisite requirements? (Answered above)</b>	Yes, while the CR does not carry a grade point value, students will be treated as successfully receiving credit for the course. For the Winter 2020 term, CR grades will be used to meet prerequisite and core program requirements.
<b>If I request a deferral of final assessment can I be considered for a CR/F grade?</b>	Yes, students who request a deferral of final assessment will be able to request a CR/F grade after they view their final grade. Final grades for DFAs are due by June 5, 2020. Students will have until June 12 submit their request for the CR grade. F grades will automatically be non-weighted.
<b>How will the CR be used for admission to Graduate and Professional Programs?</b>	FGS, CSM (MD program) and Vet Medicine are currently reviewing their processes for the Fall 2020 intake and beyond. Regulations will be established for future admission intakes over the course of the upcoming academic cycle. For programs that are external to the UC, you are advised to contact those organizations.