


April 15, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: CSU Presidents

FROM: Loren J. Blanchard, Ph.D.   
Executive Vice Chancellor

SUBJECT: Temporary Suspension of Sections of Executive Order 1037 - Grading Symbols, Minimum Standards Governing the Assignment of Grades, Policies on the Repetition of Courses, Policies on Academic Renewal, and Grade Appeals

The current suspension of in-person classes across our system due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as [Executive Order N-25-20](#) issued by Governor Gavin Newsom requiring adherence to social distancing guidelines, leads us to issue a limited suspension of Sections A.6.a, B.1, B.2.a and B.2.b of [Executive Order \(EO\) 1037 Grading Symbols, Minimum Standards Governing the Assignment of Grades, Policies on the Repetition of Courses, Policies on Academic Renewal, and Grade Appeals](#).

Effective immediately, student course withdrawals earned during the spring 2020 semester or quarter shall not count against the maxima described in EO 1037 (A.6.a). Students may subsequently repeat a course with a CR grade earned in spring 2020 for a letter grade (B.1). Units earned for a repeated course in spring 2020 shall be excluded from the 16-semester unit maximum for grade forgiveness (B.2.a). Campuses may allow students to repeat a course taken in spring 2020 even if the student has already attempted the course twice (B.2.b.)

The limited suspension is sought to facilitate student progress toward degree completion.

If you have questions regarding these guidelines, please contact Dr. Alison Wrynn, associate vice chancellor, Academic Programs, Innovations and Faculty Development at [awrynn@calstate.edu](mailto:awrynn@calstate.edu) or (562) 951-4672.

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