Guide to CR/NC

I am...

Worried I won't pass a class that is not for my major or minor but is a required class (GE, language, writing course, etc.). If you are taking Oral Comm, Math, Composition, Critical thinking, see below.*

Someone who usually earns As but I am worried about my GPA being affected by the grade I may earn.

Worried I won't pass a class for my major or minor.

Ask yourself

Is my goal to simply pass the class, as opposed to trying to protect my GPA?

Yes

No, I'm worried about my GPA

Sounds like your goal is to earn a good grade, at least a C or better.

Ask yourself

Do I think I can earn a C?

Yes

No

Your choice is between letter grade or withdraw. Passing a course and satisfying requirement = D- or higher. Unless major requires C or better.

No

IDK

Contact your department for information.

Yes, I just want to fulfill the requirement

Do you think you can earn at least a D-?

Yes

Stay in class for a letter grade.

No

Withdraw and plan to retake.

No

Opt to take it for CR/NC.

Each student has an individual academic and financial aid situation, so it is very important that they speak with academic and financial aid advisors if they have questions before making final decisions.

*If you're taking one or more of the following requirements: Oral Communication, Composition, Math, Critical Thinking:

You must earn a C- or higher to satisfy the requirement.

If you choose to take these as C/NC and you get a C-, you will not pass the class and you will have to retake it.

But if you stay with a letter grade and get a C-, you've satisfied your requirement.

Suggestion: Stay with letter grade unless you're sure you'll get a C or higher and don't want to worry about GPA.