

Fall 2020 Yale Law School Grading Policy Approved by the Faculty on July 29, 2020

- *Extended period to choose CR/F.* The deadline for a student to elect to change a Fall 2020 graded course or clinic to Credit/Fail is extended from the usual two weeks to the end of the first five weeks of the term, which is September 28, 2020. (Under no circumstances may a student change to CR/F *after* a grade has been submitted to the Registrar.)
- *Drop without permission or fee.* Students will be permitted to drop a course in the Fall 2020 Semester without fee and without seeking individual faculty approval, as long as doing so does not bring them below the minimum 12 credits required for enrollment, unless a one-time schedule underload is approved by the appropriate dean. Students may also drop a course from a prior term under these same terms with permission from the Registrar. (A student may not drop a course after a grade has been submitted to the Registrar. A student also may not drop an examination course once the examination period has commenced. For Fall 2020, that date is December 7.)
- *Extraordinary Circumstances.* The Dean will establish a process for considering student requests to switch a course to CR/F *after* the five-week period has expired. Reasons for switching a graded course to CR/F after the five-week period include: (1) unexpected illness (including COVID-19); (2) unexpected childcare challenges or other care obligations; (3) unexpected family health emergencies; (4) exceptional financial challenges; or (5) other exceptional circumstances. In approving requests, those responsible for the petition process will be mindful of the minimum graded credits requirement. A student may be allowed to take a course CR-G/F in extraordinary circumstances (meaning that the units would count toward the graded unit requirement as if it were a graded course). More details about how to file a petition will be made available in the coming weeks.