

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

**RE: Extension of UTM Credit/No Credit Deadline**

Dear Professor Amrita,

On behalf of over 15,000 full-time and part-time undergraduate students studying at the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM), we are writing to request an extension of the Credit/No Credit (CR/NCR) deadline for the 2020-2021 academic term to **Friday, May 7, 2021**.

Over the last year, students and faculty have struggled alike to transition to online learning in the midst of this global pandemic. The CR/NCR allows students to be gentle with themselves, and acknowledge that though they tried to operate and perform at a normal capacity in the middle of a pandemic, their grades might not reflect that. This is sorely needed considering that the toll this academic year took on students' mental, emotional and physical well-being. Both the UTMSU and UTM administered student surveys that inquired about students' academic experience with respect to remote learning this year. An overwhelming number of students indicated that they need more accommodations from instructors, departments, and the University. Many students specifically expressed that improvements to the CR/NCR would greatly benefit them, both mentally and academically.

A number of students have expressed confusion and frustration with the inconsistent deadlines that exist between our three campuses. Many students thought that the UTM deadline was on Friday, May 7 and completely missed the opportunity to request CR/NCR. Students are exhausted from online learning and are overwhelmed by having to seek out accurate information in the virtual world.

We believe that since we are all students at the University of Toronto, we should have clear, accessible, and consistent expectations across the board so that students can make informed decisions about their academic careers.

With these realities in mind, we hope that an extension will be granted as a gesture of good will and care for students who have consistently struggled this year.

We look forward to hearing from you, Professor Amrita.

In Student Solidarity,

The UTM Students' Union

CC:

Loreta Neebar, UTM Registrar  
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