

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
June 2, 2020**

To Be Adopted

**COVID-19 Response Temporary Modification to UCR Senate Regulations
R1.1.4, R1.1.5 and R1.1.6**

PRESENT

R1.1.4 A student may drop a course without prior approval no later than the end of the second full week of instruction. ~~From the third through the sixth full week of instruction, a course may be dropped with the approval of the advisor. In Spring 2020, an Undergraduate student may also drop a course through the eighth full week of instruction with the approval of the advisor. Any course drop which would reduce the undergraduate student's academic load to less than 12 units must be approved by the Dean. (En 5 May 77)(Am 26 May 88) (Am 21 Nov 02) (COVID-19 Temp. Modification 31 Mar 2020)~~

~~R1.1.5 If a student drops a course before the end of the eighth full week of instruction in Spring 2020, no indication will be entered in the permanent transcript. Deans may permit undergraduate students to withdraw after the eighth week on a case-by-case basis, in which case a transcript symbol of W, signifying withdrawal, will be entered in the grade column. (En 5 May 77) (Am 21 Nov 02) (COVID-19 Temp. Modification 31 Mar 2020)(COVID-19 Temp Modification 6 April)~~

R1.1.6 The final date to petition for conversion from letter grade to S/NC or vice versa will be the end of the ~~eighth week of instruction.~~ (En 5 May 77; Am 25 May 89)

PROPOSED

R1.1.4 A student may drop a course without prior approval no later than the end of the second full week of instruction. For Spring 2020, from the third full week of instruction through the end of the term (quarter), a course may be dropped with the approval of the advisor. Any course drop which would reduce the undergraduate student's academic load to less than 12 units must be approved by the Dean. For Summer 2020 a course may be dropped with the approval of the advisor through the last full week of instruction.

R1.1.5 For the Spring and Summer quarters of 2020, no indication of courses dropped during these quarters will appear in students' permanent transcripts. Students who withdraw while repeating a course previously taken may register for another attempt in a later quarter.

R1.1.6 The final date to petition for conversion from letter grade to S/NC or vice versa will be the end of the Spring 2020 term (quarter) or Summer 2020 session.

Statement of Purpose and Effect: In consideration of the impacts of COVID-19.

Submitted by Dylan Rodriguez, Division Chair

June 2, 2020

Approvals

Approved by the Committee on Courses:

June 3, 2020

Approved by the Committee on Educational Policy: June 3, 2020

Approved by Graduate Council: June 4, 2020


The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the
wording to be consistent with the code of the
Academic Senate: June 3, 2020

Executive Council in Lieu of the Division: June 4, 2020



June 3, 2020

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Stefano Vidussi, Chair 
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: Proposal for Temporary Modification to UCR Senate Regulations R1.1.4, R1.1.5
And R1.1.6


The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed the proposal for temporary modifications to be made to UCR Senate Regulations R1.1.4, R1.1.5 and R1.1.6 and were generally supportive of the modifications.

The Committee did note concern that the proposed modifications do not address the different lengths of Sessions that are offered in Summer, which are 5 weeks, 7 weeks and 10 weeks. The Committee recommends that the proposed modification to R1.1.4 be revised so that it states “from the third week to the last full week of instruction, a course may be dropped...”.



June 3, 2020

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Randolph C. Head, Chair 
Committee on Courses

Re: Proposed Modifications to UCR Senate Regulations R1.1.4, R1.1.5 and R1.1.6

The Committee on Courses reviewed the proposal for modifications to UCR Senate Regulations R1.1.4, R1.1.5 and R.1.6 and are unanimously supportive of the proposed modifications for the Spring 2020 Quarter.

Most committee members also supported extension of flexibility for withdrawals and S/NC petitions in the Summer quarter through Week 10 of each session, although the support was less broad. Notably, one member felt that since registering students already know that instruction for the Summer will be in emergency remote mode, and since they mostly will have a quarter's experience, it is not necessary to extend the flexibility further beyond Week 8, where we have already set it.

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COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION

June 3, 2020

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Nael Abu-Ghazaleh 
Chair, Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

Re: Temporary Modification to UCR Senate Regulations R1.1.4 R1.1.5 and R1.1.6

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction reviewed the proposal to allow students to drop courses without a W through the end of the term for Spring 2020 and through week 10 for Summer 2020. The committee approves these temporary changes but suggests the following modifications to account for the nuance of summer sessions.

Though Summer 2020 is referred to as regular quarter throughout the proposal, it is distinct in that it includes summer sessions; Session A and Session B, each five weeks long. We suggest that "term (quarter or session)" is used instead of "term (quarter)." Furthermore, since the proposed R.1.1.4 language allows for dropping courses through the tenth full week of instruction, it is unclear how this will apply to five week courses.

Additionally, R.1.1.4 requires Dean approval for course load that is less than 12 units, given that 12 units is considered full-time during a regular quarter. However, course load requirements may be different for summer session students and should be verified.

GRADUATE COUNCIL

June 4, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Jason Stajich, Chair
Graduate Council



Re: Temporary Modification to UCR Senate Regulations R1.1.4, R1.1.5 and R1.1.6

The Graduate Council reviewed the Temporary Modification to UCR Senate Regulations R1.1.4, R1.1.5 and R1.1.6 and has two comments/suggestions:

1. The described timing of policies for summer courses (e.g., “from the third through the tenth full week of instruction”) isn’t appropriate for 5-week summer courses and should be modified to read “last full week of instruction”.
2. The last sentence of R1.1.4 would not seem to apply to summer courses, since students aren’t required to have a full course load during the summer.