

Memorandum

To: University Senate Executive Committee

From: University Senate Academic Policies Committee

Cc: Academic Affairs, Deans & Associate Deans, Registrar's, Chancellor Office/IMC

Subject: **Temporary Modification of the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grading Policy for the Spring 2020 Academic Semester**

The University Senate Academic Policies Committee requests that the items listed below be considered for the creation/development and implementation of the e-form document and implementation of proposal. Affirmative statements (that would require students to check off

Students interested in the Modification of Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grading Policy should:

- Read the details of your college, department, or program's options for Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory. (*provide link to information*)
- Keep in mind that letter grades can be important in admission to a competitive major, improving GPA, meeting prerequisites for upper division courses, advancing to professional/graduate school, maintaining certain types of financial aid and in other circumstances. (*provide link to information*)
- Contact your faculty and/or academic advisors to discuss your options — your advisors will need to be consulted.
- An online S/U request form will be available (*link under the "Registrar's Office"*) that will route information to your advisors for review.
- Students in lab/hands on/practicum courses should consider whether it is better to use a grade of Incomplete or A-F grading or S/U.
- Students who are transferring. Some institutions do not transfer these credits in to fulfill degree requirements.
- Implications for students who were participating in Study Abroad Experiences.
- Department chairs should be involved in the workflow of the e-form.