

Temporary Modification of Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grading Policy for Spring 2020 Semester

Considering the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the UW-Eau Claire policy on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) grades will be modified in the following ways in order to provide some optional flexibility to students. These modifications apply only to the Spring 2020 academic semester. In addition, all transcripts will include a notation indicating that changes were made due to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Any college, department, or program policies on S/U remain in effect. Students who prefer a letter grade for a course do not need to take any action.

Spring 2020 S/U Policy Changes:

- The option of S/U grade option is open to all students in good academic standing.
- S/U grade option must be designated by the student. (**extended to yet to be determined date after semester ends**)
- The S/U grade option may not be changed to the standard grading system, or vice versa, after a **yet to be determined date after semester ends**.
- When repeating a course initially taken on the S/U basis during the spring 2020 semester, the student may repeat the course for a standard letter grade.
- A student may elect to take an unlimited number of permissible courses for S/U credit during the spring 2020 academic semester with caution that only 12 total credits of S are allowed toward degree credit during a student's undergraduate career (see note below).

Spring 2020 S/U Policy Unchanged from UWEC Policy:

- The grade of S is equivalent to at least a C or above in the standard grading system; it denotes that the student's work was satisfactory, and that credit is granted for the course. The grade of S is not computed in the student's semester and resident GPAs. The grade of U indicates work below the level of a C in the standard grading system and no credit is granted.
- The course must be eligible to be taken on the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grade basis.
- A maximum of 12 credits taken on the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grade basis can be applied to the minimum 120 credits for graduation. The degree audit will check for 108 credits taken for a regular letter grade.

- A maximum of two S/U courses can count toward a comprehensive major and one course toward a standard major. Colleges and departments may have further restrictions on major, minor, or professional programs and sequences. Colleges and departments may choose to relax the restrictions on the number of S/U courses that count toward majors and minors.
- Academic Honors & Distinction “Dean’s List” – each college maintains its own criteria.

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