

FAQ Regarding Temporary Pass-Satisfactory/Fail-Unsatisfactory Procedure for Graduate Students.

- 1. Why is the university using S/U rather than P/F for Pass/Fail?**

S/U is the CSU equivalent of Pass/Fail. A grade of S (Satisfactory) will mean a Pass (P) and a U (Unsatisfactory) will mean a Fail (F). This is the grading scheme in place at CSU for just this kind of situation.
- 2. I plan to take the S/U option, can I stop doing the work for the class?**

No. You need to complete the work of the whole class. Each professor will calculate your grade based upon the course syllabus at the end of the term. If you have earned a grade of B- or better, you will receive an S. If you earn a grade of C or F, you will earn a grade of U, you will not earn the credits, and you will most likely need to retake the class.
- 3. Will grades of C count as an S?**

No, only grades of B- or higher will count for satisfactory (grade of S). Graduate students need to maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher in graduate school. Grades of B- are below that threshold. Awarding an S to grades of B- is already a relaxing of our regular standards. Additionally, there will not be any academic dismissals this term. See #16 below.
- 4. Are all courses eligible to do S/U?**

No. There are a small number of exempt courses. [Click here for the list of exempt courses.](#)
- 5. What is the deadline to opt in for the S/U option?**

The deadline is Friday April 24, 2020 at 11:59pm.
- 6. How do I opt in for the S/U option?**

Go to the Grades link from your Student tab in CampusNet and select Spring 20. On this page, you will find the link to the Spring 2020 COVID-19 Semester Grading Basis Request. Complete all requested information on the form, including all of your requested course details. If you change your mind, you can also use this form to rescind an earlier request to change to S/U
- 7. How does the S/U option affect my GPA?**

Any course with the S/U option will not affect GPA in any way. The S will not help your GPA and the U will not hurt your GPA. If you choose S/U for all your courses, then your cumulative GPA will not change.
- 8. How do I know if I should take the S/U option?**

You should talk with your professor and/or graduate program director. If you expect to earn a grade of C and want simply to earn credit for the course, then the S/U option will not help you as you need a B- or better to earn a grade of S. If you expect to earn a grade of B-, B, or B+, it depends on what your current GPA is. Consult your graduate program director for assistance.
- 9. I'm taking a course in a sequence and I need a B or better to take the next course? Can I take the S/U option?**

Yes. If you chose the S/U option and earn a grade of S, you will earn credit for your current course and be allowed to progress to the next course.
- 10. My degree program requires a B or better in certain courses, can I take those courses with the S/U option?**

Yes. If you chose the S/U option and a grade of S, you will earn credit for your current course and the course will count toward your degree requirement.

11. I am an international student, can I take the S/U option?

You should contact the Center for International Services and Programs for guidance. (intlcenter@csuohio.edu)

12. My tuition is paid by my employer, can I take the S/U option?

You should contact your employer to make sure they will pay for the course if you opt for S/U grading.

13. I withdrew from a course already; can I now apply for S/U?

If you withdrew after March 1, 2020, you will need to complete the [Late Add form](#) and get approval from the instructor and your adviser. In some cases, a College Petition will be required and your adviser will provide you guidance. If the Late Add is approved, the S/U request will then need to be completed. Both of these steps will need to be completed by the stated deadline of April 24th, 2020.

14. My class ended already, can I take the S/U grade option?

If the class ended prior to March 9, 2020, it is not eligible for the S/U option.

15. I submitted my form for S/U grading and now I changed my mind. What can I do?

The Grading Basis Request includes an option to rescind an earlier request. See 6 above for more detail. All requests must be submitted before April 24, 2020 (11:59pm).

16. Will S/U grades lead to dismissal?

No. This term only, students will not be put on academic dismissal for academic grade reasons.

17. I need additional time to finish my thesis or dissertation, do I need to register for additional credits over the summer?

No. You can be awarded a grade of T for satisfactory in your thesis or doctoral courses this term. When you finish the work in Summer 2020, the grade can be changed to an S. You do not need to register for additional credits. If you are an international student, please contact CISP for special instructions.

18. Can I ask for both S/U and an Incomplete?

You can apply for the S/U option before April 24th. If your circumstances change and you are unable to complete the course, you should have a conversation with your instructor about the appropriateness of an Incomplete. If you are given an incomplete, and then you subsequently finish the work, your final grade will be an S/U.

19. Will taking the S/U option affect my graduate assistantship?

No. Eligibility for future GA opportunities is not impacted by choice of S/U.

20. Will taking the S/U option negatively impact my federal financial aid?

No. The federal government assesses students to assure they are making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). SAP depends on having a GPA above 3.0 and passing 67% of the classes enrolled in spring semester.

- **Do grades of S count as passing for SAP? How will the 67% completion ration for Spring 2020 be calculated?**

Yes, grades of S will count as completing a course successfully. As long as you earn a grade of S in 67% of your classes, your aid will continue.

- **My fall cumulative GPA is nota 3.0, but I earned all S grades for spring, what will happen?**
You will continue to receive financial aid. The fall cumulative GPA will come forward, we will know you passed all your classes and you will continue to receive financial aid.
- **I am new to CSU for Spring 2020, I am taking all my classes with the S/U option, how will my GPA be calculated?**
You will continue to receive aid as long as you earn a grade of S in 67% of your classes. Your GPA will be calculated as a 0.0.