

## Spring 2020 Semester S/U Grade Information

Due to the unexpected situation that has arisen due to COVID-19, for spring 2020 classes only, students may request the grading option be changed from a letter grade option to a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) option for individual classes.

For spring 2020 classes, excluding winter session, students who earn a passing letter grade, D- or higher, may receive upon request, a satisfactory grade (S) in lieu of a letter grade. Students who earn a grade of F may receive, upon request, an unsatisfactory grade (U) in lieu of a letter grade. This option is not available for classes that students have withdrawn from or selected audit in lieu of a letter grade. It is not available for winter session classes that ended prior to the start of the spring 2020 semester (January 21, 2020).

A "S" grade will meet all requirements for degree completion, with the exception of the nursing and paramedicine programs.

A "S" grade will meet all requirements for course progression and will meet prerequisites for future enrollment even if a minimum grade of C is required; however, students are urged not to enroll into a course where they are not academically prepared. An S grade may not meet requirements for course progression and/or degree completion at other colleges and universities.

Students who receive a "U" grade will not earn credit for the course.

Students will be able to utilize the repeat adjustment policy regardless of letter or S/U grade.

An online form will be available for students to request individually for each course they want to change to S/U. It is recommended students view their final grade in MyWNC before submitting a request. The form will be available May 11, through May 29, 2020. All students are strongly advised to meet with a WNC Counselor and/or Financial Aid advisor to discuss potential ramifications.

Once a request is made to change to an S/U grading and is approved, the grading option selected is final. Students may not request to change back to a graded option for any class.

### **Grade Point Average (GPA) Academic Implications**

S/U grades do not affect student grade point averages (GPA's). An S grade is considered passing, a U grade is not passing.

### **Nursing and Paramedicine Programs**

All prerequisites for these programs require a grade of C or higher; therefore, a grade of S will not fulfill prerequisites for these programs. Students currently in the nursing or

paramedic programs may not change required NURS or EMS classes to S grades to use towards graduation.

### **Licensure and Certifications**

Licensure and certificates bring different requirements. Students enrolled in nursing assistant or laboratory technician classes may not be able to use an S grade for licensure/certification. Students enrolled in other classes that are to be used for licensure or certification should consult with their instructor or the appropriate agency that provides licensure or certification before changing the class to a S grade.

### **Dean's List**

A "S" grade will not apply to the requirements for the Dean's list at WNC. Students must complete a minimum of 12 units of graded courses (not S/U grades) numbered 100 or higher with a minimum 3.5 GPA for the semester Dean's list.

### **Financial Aid, Scholarship and Veteran Benefit Implications**

Students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements for all federal, state, and institutional grant, work study and loan programs.

S/U grades may impact Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress GPA requirements. "S" grades will not have a positive or negative impact on the GPA calculation. For students who need to improve GPA for financial aid eligibility, the "S" grade will not help to accomplish an improvement.

S/U grades are still considered attempted credits and will be used in the calculation towards the maximum units attempted. A "U" grade is not a passing grade and will affect Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress semester and cumulative completion rate requirements.

S/U grades may affect Veteran Benefits GPA requirements. "S" grades will not have a positive or negative impact on the GPA calculation. For students who need to improve their GPA for to meet minimum eligibility (2.0 Cumulative GPA), the "S" grade will not help to accomplish an improvement.

S/U grades may affect the GPA and credit completion requirement for certain scholarships, including the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship and certain WNC Foundation Scholarships.

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