

FAQ Regarding Temporary Pass-Satisfactory/Fail-Unsatisfactory Procedure for Graduate Students FALL 2020

[Note: Law Students are not eligible for the Pass/Fail option in Fall 2020]

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. Will I know my grade before I need to decide if I want the S/U option?

Yes, for Fall 2020, students will first be able to see their letter grade for the course. Once you see the grade posted in Campusnet, you can then decide if you want the S/U option for the eligible course. Instructions on how to request the S/U option in Campusnet are available [here](#)

4. How do S/U grades 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.

5. How do I opt in for the S/U option?

Once you see the grade posted in Campusnet, you can then decide if you want the S/U option for the eligible course. Instructions on how to request the S/U option in Campusnet are available [here](#). PLEASE NOTE: Once you make the request for a grade to be S/U, you cannot change your mind. The deadline for choosing the S/U grading option is Friday, December 18th at 5pm.

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No. You can choose each course separately.

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No. Faculty will not know which students have chosen the S/U option. They will submit the letter grade you earned. If you requested the S/U option, the grade will be converted to S/U as long as your course is not on the exempt course [list](#).

8. 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.

9. Will grades of B- or 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.

10. 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.

11. 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 earn a grade of B- or 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 A- it depends on what your current GPA is. Consult your graduate program director for assistance.

