Spring 2020 S/U Grade Substitution Option

As an additional way to accommodate and support our campus community through the challenges presented by COVID-19, an option to amend final course grade by selecting a grade of Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) has been added for the Spring 2020 term.

Before making any academic decision, students are strongly encouraged to communicate with an academic advisor.

For the Spring 2020 semester, the deadline to change the grade mode from letter grade to Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory will be Friday May 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Students will log into PAWS to make requests. See the handout for step-by-step instructions.

FAQs

- This grade option applies only to Spring 2020 courses.
- The Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory option will be available online only to undergraduate students. Graduate students must contact their department and submit a ‘Change of Grade’ request form.
- Faculty will submit grades and students will be able to see them before making the decision.
- Students can make this decision for one course, for a few courses, or for all courses.
- Students with an A, B, or C will have the option to request an S grade if they wish.
- Students with a D or F will have the option to request a U grade if they wish.
- Students with an F* have the option to request a U* if they wish.
- Students selecting a U grade will NOT earn course credit. This change could impact the completion rate required for financial aid. Students should communicate with the Office of Financial Aid.
- Students who were on probation at the start of the Spring 2020 term, must meet the minimum required GPA at the end of the term to avoid suspension or dismissal.
- Choosing the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory option will not retroactively place a student on the dean’s or president’s list.
- Grading choice can be made at any time until 5 p.m. Friday May 22, 2020.
- Students who initially receive an Incomplete grade will have until September 1 to finalize course work and receive a letter grade. Students will have ten days to request a change to a S or U after the Spring Incomplete is cleared.
- Athletes must receive approval from the athletics department.
- For spring parts-of-term ending after May 22, an email can be sent from the student’s jagmail account to records@southalabama.edu.
- To cancel a request, an email should be sent from the student’s jagmail account to records@southalabama.edu.