

**Practices Pertaining to S/U Grading
Remote Instruction Spring 2020**

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Many students and faculty are encountering remote (online) learning and teaching for the first time this spring. Students may feel concern about how well they will learn in this new format or worry about their grades and grade point average (GPA). We have posted helpful guides for both students and faculty at <https://tilt.colostate.edu/> to assist with learning and teaching during this time.

To address these concerns, Colorado State University Fort Collins and CSU Online are implementing an S/U grading practice for spring 2020 only. Following the end of semester grade posting for spring semester 2020, students will be able to request a satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade rather than traditional letter grade up until June 5th for any course taken in this semester. The S/U policy applies to all spring 2020 undergraduate and graduate courses. These policies will NOT apply to students in the Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine program.

This practice will replace any previously published restrictions on use of S/U grading, making it an option for all students, undergraduate and graduate, for spring 2020. All students, and especially students on probation, are strongly encouraged to consult with their academic advisor, faculty advisor or the Graduate School before making a decision.

The following practices will be put in place on the Colorado State University Fort Collins campus.

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory and Traditional Grading Option

Students who earn a C or above may request to have a letter grade changed to “S,” which reflects a C or better. D or F letter grades would be reflected by a “U.” “S” grades contribute to credit hours but not to the GPA. “U” grades will contribute neither toward credit hours earned nor to the GPA. Students will not be allowed to change an S/U grade once the change from a letter grade has been made. The Office of the Registrar is developing a tool that will allow students to use RAMweb to see their course sections. Students will be able to select individual course sections to which they want to apply the S/U option. Traditional A-F grading will be used for all courses not selected for the S/U option.

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Please note:

- The S/U option will not be available to students in the Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine program.
- The S/U option will not have negative implications for students' Financial Aid.
- Students should check rules for their scholarships prior to making a decision.
- Students who are currently on Academic Probation should work closely with their Academic Advisors before selecting an S/U option.

All students should consult with their academic advisor and/or faculty advisor before deciding to request a change from traditional grade. At the point of requesting an S/U grade, students will be asked to indicate that they understand the potential consequences. These may include impact on:

- Courses that require a grade based on a professional standard/accreditation requirements (teaching, engineering, etc.).
- Impact on GPA for students on academic probation.
- Impact on graduate/professional school applications.
- Scholarship implications if a minimum of graded coursework is required.

Incomplete Requests

We have resources available through the [Keep Teaching and Keep Learning](https://tilt.colostate.edu/) site <https://tilt.colostate.edu/> to guide students as they move into remote learning structures. Careful use of these suggestions should help. However, some students may struggle with remote learning and they should use the course withdrawal process rather than requesting an Incomplete. Incompletes will not be offered for courses outside of the already established guidelines. <https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/academic-standards/grading/#grade-mode-descriptions>