Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) Option

This option is designed to encourage students to explore new areas outside their major/minor in the true spirit of a liberal education.

Students with junior and senior standing, who have been accepted in a major/minor, may elect to take up to four courses (1 per semester) which are evaluated “Satisfactory” or “Unsatisfactory” instead of by the usual letter grades. The following conditions apply to this option:

1. The S/U option is restricted to students with junior or senior standing.
2. The decision to choose the S/U option rests solely with the student but students are encouraged to discuss the decision with their faculty adviser.
3. A student may take no more than one course per term on the S/U basis.
4. A student on academic warning may not use the S/U option.
5. Courses used to fulfill the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum, the areas of inquiry requirement, the language requirement, the writing requirement, and the major or minor requirement may not be taken S/U.
6. It is expected that students will take the course and fractional add-on component with the same grade option (conventional grade or S/U). In certain instances, faculty members may require that a stand-alone or add-on fractional credit course be offered only on a graded or S/U basis. In most cases, however, the decision of grade mode for fractional credit courses will be left to the student.
7. The choice to take a particular course with the S/U option must be made by the deadline published on the academic calendar and must be officially submitted by the student to the registrar’s office using the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Option form. The S/U option period for a course that meets less than or outside of the regular academic term is also published on the academic calendar. No course will be officially regarded as using the S/U grading option unless this form is completed. After the deadline, no changes in the grading mode (conventional grade to S/U, or S/U to conventional grade) are permitted.
8. In the event of a course’s limited enrollment, a student’s desire to take the course on the S/U basis shall not be a criterion in determining his or her eligibility for the course or course section.
9. To achieve the grade of S, the student must perform at a level that would warrant a grade of C– or better.
10. Satisfactory completion of a course is entered on the student’s permanent transcript as S, but does not enter into the computation of the GPA. The unsatisfactory completion of a course is entered on the student’s transcript as U, but does not enter into the computation of the GPA. No course credit is awarded for a grade of U.
11. Seniors, during their final semester, should not take a course using the S/U option unless they will have a total of 32 course credits without the S/U course.

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Please complete the information below and return to the Office of the Registrar (126 McGregory Hall) by the deadline published on the academic calendar for the relevant semester.

I have read and understand the information above.

Name (print):  ___________________________________________________ ID # ________________________________
Class Year:   ________________________________
I wish to take __________________________________________________________________________________________
 (course subject, number, section and title)
using the S/U grade option during the __________________________ semester.
 (term and year)
First Major: _________________________________  Second Major or Minor:  _______________________________
Student Signature ______________________________________________________  Date: _________________________

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