



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO  
**OFFICE OF THE PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

## **Temporary Procedures to Request Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) Grade Option**

With the support of the Faculty Senate, the Graduate Council, and the deans, the Provost and President have approved the temporary changes effective April 6, 2020, to provide students with academic flexibility and ways to relieve the pressure of the transition to online courses due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

### **Temporary Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) Policy for Spring 2020 Courses**

Instructors may opt in to allow their spring 2020 courses to be eligible for an (S/U) grading option, to provide individual students to make the choice of grading mode. A passing grade will appear on student transcripts as an “S” (satisfactory), and a failing grade will appear as a “U” (unsatisfactory). Neither an “S” nor a “U” will calculate into the student GPA. A grade of “S” will meet prerequisite requirements and count toward major/minor requirements. Instructors who would like to make this option available should determine the grading criteria for a passing grade. Click [here](#) for frequently asked questions regarding the S/U option, such as how to determine the grading criteria for a passing grade. The deadline for students to request a change from the standard grading system to the satisfactory/unsatisfactory grading option is May 7, 2020.

### **Procedures**

1. Faculty member determines if they wish their course to be eligible for an S/U for the spring 2020 semester by notifying the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at [curriculum@utep.edu](mailto:curriculum@utep.edu) by April 17, 2020.
2. Faculty member will notify students in their course(s) that the S/U option is available for the course, in addition to the criteria for meeting a Satisfactory grade.
3. Student reaches out to advisor to determine if using the S/U option is appropriate for their situation.
4. If the student wishes to opt in for the S/U grading option, the student submits [this form](#) to the Registrar’s Office at [records@utep.edu](mailto:records@utep.edu).
5. Student acknowledges that neither an “S” nor a “U” grade will impact their GPA. They also acknowledge that certain professional and graduate programs may require graded courses and they have discussed this with their advisor.
6. Registrar makes the option available for the student.

7. Student must declare they wish to take a course as S/U by the deadline of May 7, 2020.
8. Students should contact their academic advisor if they have additional questions about declaring S/U and the impact of their choice.