

## **SATISFACTORY/UNSATISFACTORY GRADES-Policy No. A015**

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### **INTENT**

The intent of this policy is to establish academically sound regulations providing for enrollment in courses on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

### **POLICY**

1. The satisfactory/unsatisfactory option will be open to any undergraduate student who, at the beginning of the semester, is in good academic standing and has more than thirty-one (31) earned semester hours.
2. Students will receive a final grade of S (satisfactory) for C or better work or U (unsatisfactory) for D or below D level, for a course taken under the S/U standard where a dual grading system exists.
3. A satisfactory grade will count toward graduation but will not affect the student's quality point average. An unsatisfactory grade will not count toward graduation and will not affect the student's quality point average.
4. Departments may, with the appropriate committee and University Senate approval, offer courses that are graded entirely according to the satisfactory/unsatisfactory standard. All other courses are optional S/U courses in which students will receive a grade according to the standard for which they are registered.
5. Student teaching will be graded on a letter grade basis unless the student elects, during the add period, to receive a S/U grade. Failure to request the S/U grade will result in letter grading.
6. Only those courses which are offered solely on a S/U basis may be repeated under the satisfactory/unsatisfactory option.
7. Students may opt for no more than four (4) satisfactory/unsatisfactory courses totaling no more than fifteen (15) semester hours. Courses offered solely on an S/U basis are exempted from this limit, as is student teaching if the student teacher selects the S/U option. Within these limits, students may take a maximum of one S/U course each semester and one each summer.

8. No students will be permitted to use the S/U option for any courses that are required for their major, unless the course has been approved for grading on the S/U basis as established in Policy (5) above. In this case, a required course graded on a S/U basis will not be counted against the limits established in Procedure (2) above.

## **PROCEDURE**

1. Students wishing to exercise the S/U option must do so during the registration period (specifically, during the period for adding courses). After opting for S/U, students may not then elect to receive a letter grade in that course.
2. In courses with some students on the traditional grading system and others electing the course S/U, the instructors will not know which students are taking the course S/U. The traditional final grade for the course will be recorded and submitted by the professor to the Registrar's Office. It will be the duty of the Registrar's Office to convert the traditional grade to either S or U for inclusion on the student's record.
3. Students who elect a course or courses under the S/U option and who then transfer to a major for which that course or courses are required will be allowed to transfer S/U courses for credit. Such transfer will be at the discretion of the Dean having jurisdiction over the department into which they are transferring and after consultation with the appropriate department chairperson.