

Spring 2020 Only
Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Policy

Purpose: In response to the extraordinary situation created by Federal and State mandated measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, thus requiring students to complete their coursework remotely, Fitchburg State University has modified its pass/fail (known to FSU as Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory S/U) policy as follows:

The current Fitchburg State University Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Policy is suspended for all courses offered during the spring 2020 semester. In response to the suspension of face-to-face instruction, for this semester only, students may choose to take any or all (including general education or major courses) of their undergraduate classes with the S/U option for the spring semester 2020 only, except for some courses designated as exempt by departments. Departments must submit requests for exceptions to their school dean no later than April 10th. Students must notify the registrar's office (through a specially designed form) of their intention to take a course S/U by 5/13/2020. Courses taken S/U in Spring 2020 will not contribute to the total allowable S/U courses a student may take.

At the end of the semester the instructor will turn in the letter grade earned. If the grade is a 1.00 or above, a grade of S will be recorded. (A grade of S or U are not assigned any quality points and does not enter into the computation of the cumulative average)

Departments/programs will be asked to submit to the registrar the courses that should be exempt from S/U because of program progression issues. The students in those courses will be informed that they would not be allowed to have those grades converted to S/U.

Departments wishing to convert complete sections to S/U may do so by request through Deans no later than April 10th. Students in these sections will be contacted by the Dean and can choose to opt-out of the S/U grade for a numerical grade instead.