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Registration for Summer and Fall 2023 is underway. As you build your schedule and enroll in classes, we want to make you aware of new policies that might impact your course selections. The policies are intended to provide support and flexibility in helping you stay on track to graduate and position yourself for career success.

S/U Grading Policy

Beginning in Fall 2023, UCF is offering satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) grading for a limited number of courses determined by UCF's colleges. You must be in good academic standing to be eligible for S/U grading.

If you select this option, you'll receive an S and course credit if you earn a C or higher. If your grade is a C- or lower, you'll receive a U. In either instance, your GPA will not be affected.

You can use S/U grading a maximum of four times at UCF. Courses exclusively graded on a S/U scale (e.g., internships or independent study) are not part of this total. There are instances when you can't opt-in to S/U grading, even though it's offered. They include courses in your major, including Common Program Prerequisites. Colleges and departments may add restrictions.

Additionally, it's important to consider how a S/U grade might impact your academic and professional goals. It might affect financial aid, scholarships, honors status, or graduate or professional school admission. We strongly encourage you to consult with your academic advisor before deciding.

There are nine courses eligible for S/U grading this fall. The list is available on the S/U grading webpage at https://undergrad.ucf.edu/satisfactory-unsatisfactory-grading.

If you intend to take one of these classes and opt-in to S/U grading, you should enroll when your appointment time opens. In July, you'll receive instructions on how to declare your choice in the myUCF portal. You must enter your selection by the Fall 2023 add/drop deadline on August 25. If you change your mind, you have until the withdrawal deadline on October 27 to revert to a letter grade.

For information about the S/U policy, including eligible courses and how to opt-in to this grading option, visit https://undergrad.ucf.edu/satisfactory-unsatisfactory-grading.

Timely Academic Progress Toward a Degree Policy

Students who have earned more than 75 credit hours must obtain advisor approval before changing or adding a major. The 75 hours include credit hours earned at UCF, transferred from other institutions, dual enrollment, and AP or other test credits.

When you attempt to add or change your major via the myUCF portal, a message informs you that your request was sent to an advisor in your new or added major for approval. To learn more about this policy, visit https://undergrad.ucf.edu/timelyacademic-progress-toward-a-degree.

Modified Withdrawal Policy

UCF modified its withdrawal policy to cap the number of times students can withdraw from a course. The policy applies to new students who begin classes in Summer 2023 or later. This change does not apply to students in admit terms 2022-23 or earlier. UCF's current withdrawal policy is available at https://academicsuccess.ucf.edu/ssa/withdrawal.