



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

## **S/U Grading**

Students in good academic standing may choose courses for Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) grading basis, meaning that only a S or U will be recorded as their final grade in the course. S grades indicate C or better work. U grades indicate C- or lower work. Grades of S and U do not impact the GPA. A grade of S will result in credit for the course, but it will not be used in the calculation of the GPA. A grade of U will result in no credit for the class, but it will also not affect the GPA.

A student may only use the S/U option a total of 4 times at the University of Central Florida. Courses that are graded on the S/U scale do not count as part of this total (for example, an internship or an independent study).

Academic departments and colleges can place restrictions on student or course eligibility. Unless otherwise specified, students cannot use S/U grading in courses in their major including Common Program Prerequisites. Departments can place additional restrictions such as limiting the S/U grade option to students meeting a minimum GPA or those with a minimum number of credit hours.

A course selected to be graded S/U may not impact the GPA but may have implications to certain prerequisites or honors eligibility. Also, while a C- or D grade might hurt a student's GPA, they are passing grades and replacing them with a U grade could have negative credit hour, scholarship, and financial aid consequences.

Given the above, consultation with an academic advisor before selecting the S/U grading option is vital. Students must be aware of whether the course is prohibited by their major, and they should be aware that if they switch majors later, the decision cannot be reversed.

Students who wish to choose the S/U option need to be aware of two deadlines:

- To opt into the S/U grade for a particular course, students have from when they register for the class until the end of the add/drop period. During that period, students may alter their choice as many times as they wish. After the add/drop deadline, students can no longer change their preference to S/U grading.
- From the end of the add/drop period until the withdrawal deadline, students who have chosen the S/U option may elect to return to the letter grade option. Once the letter grade option is selected after the add/drop period, the choice is final.

After the withdrawal deadline, the decision is final and cannot be appealed. The instructor will not be aware of the student's decision. They will enter a final grade, and it will be converted into a S or U.

Example: Two students decided to take AMH 4170 Civil War and Reconstruction. Student A chooses the S/U option. Student B chooses the letter grade option. After the add/drop deadline, student B cannot change their mind. However, student A has until the withdrawal deadline to change back to the letter grade option.

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## Grade System

The University uses an alphabetic system to identify student grades and other actions regarding student progress or class attendance. Beginning Fall 2001, a plus/minus grading system became effective, with a grade point equivalent per semester hour as follows:

Grades	Grading Points Per Semester Hour of Credit
A	4.00
A-	3.75
B+	3.25
B	3.00
B-	2.75
C+	2.25
C	2.00
C-	1.75
D+	1.25
D	1.00
D-	.75
F	0.00
NC - No Credit	*

\*Available only in CHM 1032, CHM 2040, CHM 2041, CHM 2045C, CHS 1440, ENC 1101, ENC 1101H, ENC 1102, ENC 1102H, MAC 1105CH, MAC 1105H, MAC 1114C, MAC 1140C, MAC 1140H, MAC 2147, MAC 2233, MAC 2241, MAC 2253, MAC 2281, MAC 2281H, MAC 2311C, MAC 2311H, MAT 1033C, and STA 2014. In these classes NC replaces the use of D+, D and D-.

Legend	Action	Grade Points
G	Repeated Course (Grade Forgiveness, multiple attempts)	-
I	Incomplete	-
K	Repeated course (Latest Attempt)	-
N	No grade reported by instructor (followed by grade)	-
P	Repeated Course (Not Grade Forgiveness)	-
R	Repeated course (Grade Forgiveness)	-
S	Satisfactory (w/credit)/Satisfactory Progress (Research, Thesis, or Dissertation)	-
T	(followed by grade) Subsequently repeated (no credit)	-
U	Unsatisfactory (no credit)	-
W	Withdrawn	-
WL	Late Withdrawal	-
WH	Health Form Withdrawal	-
WM	Medical Withdrawal	-
X	Audit (no credit)	-

The designation of "N" will be assigned temporarily by the Registrar's Office only in the case when a grade has not been submitted by the instructors by the grade submission deadline. The designator will be replaced by the earned letter grade at the earliest opportunity in the term that immediately follows and prior to graduation. The "N" designator may not be assigned by the instructor.

In the event of academic dishonesty, instructors may assign a Z in front of a final course grade on a student's academic record. For further information regarding the addition, removal and appeals process of the Z designation, see [The Golden Rule Student Handbook](#).

The Grade Point Average (GPA) is the average number of grade points per semester hour attempted. **GPA is computed by dividing the total number of grade points assigned by the total number of credit hours attempted, less hours resulting from**

**NC, W, WP, S, U, and I grades.** GPA is recalculated after each term; for Summer GPA is recalculated only after all Sessions and end of term. The GPA for graduation requirement is a minimum UCF 2.0 ("C").

**Example:** A student has completed 13 credit hours for a given term. To calculate the Term GPA:

1. Multiply the number of credit hours per course by the number of grade points per grade. Then add each amount to arrive at the total number of grade points earned for that term:

Course #1 B+3 credit hours X 3.25 grade points=9.75  
+ Course #2A- 3 credit hours X 3.75 grade points=11.25  
+ Course #3A 4 credit hours X 4.00 grade points=16  
+ Course #4B 3 credit hours X 3.00 grade points=9

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=13 credit hours=46 total grade points

1. Divide the total number of grade points by the total number of credit hours earned that term:

46.00 total grade points / 13 credit hours = 3.54 GPA for that term.

**UCF Cumulative GPA.** If prior to this term the student had earned a total of 162 grade points for a combined 54 term hours of coursework, his or her cumulative grade point average entering this term would be  $162/54= 3.00$ . Including this term of coursework, the cumulative grade point average would be  $(162 + 46) / (54 + 13) = 3.10$ .