



Electing the S/U Grading Option: TOP 5 CONSIDERATIONS FOR UNDERGRADS

S grade

For all classes, an **'S' grade** is equivalent to a **C- or higher**.

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Check out the updated syllabus for each of your classes and see where you stand in relation to a C- for each course before deciding to change to S/U.

U grade

A **'U' grade** is equivalent to a **D+ or lower**.

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An **'S' grade** means **you earn credit** for the class but it **won't change your GPA** at all.

Sometimes it is better to earn credit with a D+, D, or D-, rather than taking a 'U', so the credit hours still count toward your academic requirements, and even though D's count toward your GPA.

A **'U' grade** means **you will not earn any credit** hours for completing the course, but it also **won't change your GPA**.

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If you are trying to **raise your GPA** for entry into a **limited access major**, **S/U grades will not increase your GPA** but an **'S' grade** in an eligible course **will meet any prerequisites**.

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An **'S' will satisfy any university degree or college requirement that normally requires a letter grade**.
A few classes are ineligible for S/U grading and will not be listed when you open the S/U Grading Option Election Form.

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If you'd like to change any of your eligible courses to S/U grading, you must do so online at www.usf.edu/academic-continuity/student-toolkit/ **by 11:59 pm on Friday, April 24**. Any changes you make will be final. Consider this carefully.

S/U grading can also impact financial aid, like Bright Futures and scholarships. Check out the **GPA calculator** at <http://usfas.forest.usf.edu/gpa/> to help you determine the impact for you.

The choice is yours but USF academic advisors, financial aid counselors, faculty, and staff are ready to help you make the best decision possible. For additional considerations and info not covered here, visit the **Current Student Toolkit** at www.usf.edu/academic-continuity/student-toolkit/.