

**SPRING & SUMMER 2021 SEMESTERS – STUDENTS
TEMPORARY POLICIES SATISFACTORY/UNSATISFACTORY(S/U) GRADING OPTION AND WITHDRAWALS(W)**

Students can use this guide to help decide if taking advantage of the S/U grading option is right for them. Students are also encouraged to consult with their academic advisor or academic success coordinator. To use this decision guide, start with row #1 and read across each row as you progress down Page 1 to the next numbered row. Page 2 provides you with a list of key dates and information to provide your advisor and/or financial aid.

DECISION-MAKING PROCESS FOR S/U OR COURSE WITHDRAWAL

1	What are your priorities in deciding on S/U grading—GPA or Degree progression?	<p>GPA or Degree Progression</p> <p>You need to determine which is the better choice—improving your GPA or continuing to stay on track to graduate.</p> <p>What is the deadline for grade change option the student is considering? Refer to the Important Date Chart below.</p>
2	What are the considerations?	<p>Improve GPA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W indicates that you left the course before getting a final grade. W doesn't necessarily mean that you weren't passing the course. U indicates that you did not pass the course. U or W both negatively affect the completion rate of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for financial aid and may negatively affect your aid eligibility for future semesters. SAP eligibility information can be found here: https://financialaid.colostate.edu/satisfactory-progress/. Please contact the Office of Financial aid for specific questions. <p>Continue Progression to Graduation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If none of your courses are prerequisites for other courses you may want to keep your grades and not do S/U, even if you are getting D in a course. If you are not able to get the required grade that is a prerequisite for another course you maybe want to take the S/U or W to save your GPA. U does not give you credits towards the 120-credits needed to graduate. If a course has a prerequisite as Junior status but you didn't get enough credits, you may have to wait until you have enough credits.
3	How does S/U grading impact my academic standing?	<p>Academic Standing</p> <p>Your academic standing (good standing/probation) will be determined by the letter grades that you earn at the end of the semester.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your cumulative GPA is below a 2.0 at the end of the fall semester, and by choosing the S/U grading option your GPA improves to a 2.0 or above, you will be overridden to good standing If you choose to take all S grades or all U grades, you will maintain the same academic standing that you earned with your letter grades. If you are a first semester freshman and have a GPA below a 1.0, you are eligible for an <u>Accelerated Fresh Start</u>.
4	What are the stipulations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitive majors (Biomedical Sciences, Business, Construction Management, Engineering) will not accept an S in place of a required letter grade (i.e. "B", etc.) for admission into the major. Requirements found (here) S will not meet prerequisite for courses that require an A or B grade. See link for course prerequisites in your major (link). For Veteran students, the VA will not cover U grades this semester. Contact gi_bill@colostate.edu or 970-491-6340 before deciding on S/U. <p>Please know that if you decide after spring semester has started that you want the traditional grade instead of a S/U you can get the grade changed by contacting the Office of the Registrar.</p>
5	Resources to inform your decision	<p>RAMWEB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPA predictor: Use after May 19th when all final grades are available Financial Packet: Taking a S/U or W can impact your financial aid / CSU scholarship requirements. <p>KEEP LEARNING WEBSITE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S/U W Information video (Coming soon!) S/U Grading FAQs from Office of the Registrar <p>COURSE CATALOG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prerequisite- You can find courses that require a grade or specific class standing for prerequisite for future courses (link). States the terms a course is offered (Not all courses are offered every term)
6	What options are available if I miss a deadline?	<p>Types of Appeals and Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuition and fee adjustments Registration Appeals CSU online Scholastic Appeals Grade Appeals Retroactive Withdrawal

IMPORTANT DATES:		RESOURCES/SOURCE
Friday, May 7 th	Course Withdrawal "W" (withdrawal) grade notation will be recorded on the academic record	To assist students in making decisions about S/U grading options Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
Friday, May 7 th	University Withdrawal refers to a student withdrawing from all classes for a given term, deadline (before final exams week)	http://advising.colostate.edu/faqs-about-university-withdrawal/
Friday, May 14 th	Late University Withdrawal	Collaborative for Student Achievement Phone: 970-491-7095
Tuesday, May 18 th	Final Grades are due by 2pm the Tuesday following the final exam week for the term. They are available to students the following day in RAMweb.	
Sunday, May 23 rd 11:59pm MT	Students can select S/U in RAM web starting May 19 th , with a May 23 rd deadline. This deadline was made to avoid complications with Financial Aid Packages and the Academic Dismissal Appeal Process.	To assist students in making decisions about S/U grading options or to assist students with the process for selecting S/U grading
Tuesday, June 1 st noon MT	Academic Dismissal Appeal	Academic Standard Policies that were in place in Fall 2020, are continuing for Spring 2021, We recommend students in the second semester of the probation process submit an appeal before their grades are finalized. If they earn a 2.0 cumulative GPA which includes changes in grade point averages with S/U grade calculations, their appeal will not need to be considered. Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholastic Standard Policy • Academic Dismissal Appeals System
Last summer class day before final exam (depending on course end day)	Summer Course Withdrawal "W" (withdrawal) grade notation will be recorded on the academic record	To assist students in making decisions about S/U grading options Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
Tuesday, August 10 th	Summer Final Grades are due by 2pm. Available to students the next day in RAMweb	
Sunday, August 15 th 11:59pm MT	Students can select S/U in RAM web starting August 11 th , with an August 15 th deadline. This deadline was made to avoid complications with Financial Aid Packages and the Academic Dismissal Appeal Process.	To assist students in making decisions about S/U grading options or to assist students with the process for selecting S/U grading
Thursday, August 19 th , 12:00 pm MT	Planned Leave allows undergraduate students to take up to a two-semester leave from the University for regular fall or spring semesters.	https://registrar.colostate.edu/planned-leave/

EMAIL ESSENTIALS FOR TIMELY REPLIES FROM ADVISORS OR FINANCIAL AID

Include all the following information:

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| *Full name | *Major |
| *CSUId | *Anticipated Grade/GPA |
| *Class name (ex MU 100 or Music Appreciation) | *Probation- Yes or no |

State your question (examples below)

- I am considering withdrawing or taking S/U for x course
- How would taking S/U or withdrawing from X course impact my degree progression?
- I am thinking about withdrawing from x course(s) that are 4 credits, how could this impact my financial