

## Elective Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Option Spring 2020 Semester

In view of the global pandemic and disruption in the Spring 2020 Semester, Dickinson State University will allow students the opportunity to complete courses on an Elective Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis. Undergraduate students may select the "S/U" option on a course-by-course basis; students may have some courses that use the traditional letter grading scale "A-F" and some that are on the "S/U" grading scale.

**This revised policy is for undergraduate students only.**

To request "S/U" grading for a course, return the Elective Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Option Form to the Office of Academic Records by emailing the **completed form containing all required signatures** to [kathleen.meyer@dickinsonstate.edu](mailto:kathleen.meyer@dickinsonstate.edu) no later than May 8, 2020.

Students may take courses with grades of "S" (satisfactory) and "U" (unsatisfactory), rather than the traditional grades of "A" through "F" subject to the following guidelines:

1. A grade of "S" grants credit toward graduation but does not affect the student's GPA. A grade of "U" neither grants credit nor affects the GPA.
2. According to the DSU catalog, a maximum of 15 S/U graded credits can be used toward the completion of a bachelor's degree and a maximum of 7 S/U graded credits can be used toward the completion of an associate's degree. However, any credits earned as Elective "S/U" grades in Spring 2020 semester will be **excluded** from those maximums. Some courses in a student's major or minor may be offered only on an "S/U" basis. Service Learning courses and Competency Based Credit-Earning are graded "S/U". These courses are not counted toward the Elective S/U grading limit.
3. Courses completed on the "S/U" basis this semester will be allowed to count toward general education and minor requirements.
4. Courses completed within the major may be allowed to count toward "S/U" grading with the permission of the academic department chair. Due to accreditation, licensure, and program requirements, a letter grade may be required.
5. In "S/U" courses, work of "C" level or better is required to receive an "S" grade; work of "D" or "F" level will earn a grade of "U".

*Please consider the following factors prior to requesting the Elective "S/U" Grading Option:*

- ⤴ *Transferability of courses to institutions not part of the North Dakota University System*
- ⤴ *Credits earned with a grade of "S" cannot be counted toward the 12 credit minimum for President's or Dean's list. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits of graded (A, B, C, D, or F) courses to be named to the President's or Dean's list.*
- ⤴ *General Education courses for Elementary Education majors that may affect licensure.*
- ⤴ *SEVIS requirements - International Students must have approval of Ms. Wynter Miller, Director of International Programs.*
- ⤴ *NAIA or NIRA recommendations - Student Athletes must have approval of coach or athletic director.*
- ⤴ *Changing the grading basis to S/U is irreversible.*

For further information, contact the Director of Academic Records: [kathleen.meyer@dickinsonstate.edu](mailto:kathleen.meyer@dickinsonstate.edu)