

S/U Grading: Decoding the Impacts

S/U is an alternate grading option from the standard letter grade you usually receive. Opting into SU for a course means your transcript will show a U, an S, or an S+ instead of the letter (A, B, C, D, F) that you earned. You can choose to S/U for some, all, or no classes this semester: keep this in mind as you decide if and which to S/U.

Ask these questions and follow the steps to decide if S/U is right for some of your classes.

Is your GPA below or near a 2.0? Academic Probation means your GPA is below a 2.0.	Yes → What is your Target GPA, will S/U help?	S/U isn't counted in your GPA or probation credits. Work with your advisor to decide which classes will help you reach your Target GPA.
	No → Select which classes you want to S/U, if any. You may want to keep high letter grades.	
Do you have a Grade Replacement course?	Yes → You need to consider if S/U is better than the previous grade.	The S/U will replace the previous grade earned BUT S/U is not factored into GPA. Replacing a low grade with a C+ or higher might be more impactful on your record.
	No → Select which classes you want to S/U, if any. You may want to keep high letter grades.	
Are you on SAP Warning or do you have a SAP Plan with Financial Aid?	Yes → You need to email ofa@unco.edu to check your plan.	S/U isn't counted in your GPA. Work with Financial Aid to decide which classes will help you reach your SAP Target for funding eligibility.
	No → Select which classes you want to S/U, if any. You may want to keep high letter grades.	
Are you in an education or other licensure program?	Yes → You need to check if letter grades are required on a course.	S/U may not count for some classes. Ask your advisor about your licensure program requirements.
	No → Select which classes you want to S/U, if any. You may want to keep high letter grades.	
Does your major require a certain GPA or Letter Grade?	Yes → You need to check the catalog for your requirements.	Prereqs and courses that require a C- or better will need to receive an S+ grade to count. An S will meet the grade requirement for the LAC.
	No → Select which classes you want to S/U, if any. You may want to keep high letter grades.	
Do you have VA Educational Benefits?	Yes → Email SCO.VA@unco.edu to check in with VA Certification.	You will incur debt on any course with a "U" grade. You can take an S or S+ with your VA benefits.
	No → Select which classes you want to S/U, if any. You may want to keep high letter grades.	
Are you an International Student?	Yes → email cie@unco.edu and your financial sponsors about S/U grading.	S/U may conflict with your home institution, exchange program, or sponsorship.
	No → Select which classes you want to S/U, if any. You may want to keep high letter grades.	
Are you a Student-Athlete?	Yes → email your athletic academic advisor for approval.	S/U may impact NCAA eligibility depending on your overall GPA.
	No → Select which classes you want to S/U, if any. You may want to keep high letter grades.	
Do you have As and Bs?	Yes → calculate if keeping an A or B grade will help your GPA more than S/U.	S/U is not used in GPA, and grades B- and higher tend to increase GPA. Consider which grades are helping you more.
	No → Select which classes you want to S/U, if any. You may want to keep high letter grades.	



To Opt into S/U Grading, log into URSA.

First: Click on your “Detail Schedule” to have all the information you will need for the S/U Application

Second: Under “Grades” click on the S/U Grading Application Request after you view your FINAL grades.

Registration and Grades

Register for Classes

- Registration Status
- Look Up Classes
- Register, Add or Drop/Withdraw Classes
- Registration Help
- Week at a Glance
- Detail Schedule**
- Adjust Variable Credits
- Registration History
- View Student Information

Registration Information

- Your Course Drop/Withdrawal Deadlines
- Your Date to Register
- View Your Holds
- Automated Waitlisting Information
- Liberal Arts Core Information

Grades

- View Grades**
- Unofficial Transcript
- Grade Replacement
- S/U Grading Application Request**

Third: Complete the Form. The first page asks about your identifying information

- Full Name
- Bear Number
- Bear Mail
- Student Classification
- Consent to the Grade Change

The second page asks which courses you want to S/U and which you want to Letter Grade. Based on your FINAL Grades (from URSA, not Canvas) indicate what you want to keep as a letter in your GPA and which to change to S/U.

- Course Prefix is the 3-4 Letter SUBJECT (ex: ENG)
- Course Number is the 3 Digit Number (ex: 101)
- Course CRN is the 5 Digit Code (ex: 15555)

When you finish, click the Arrows at the bottom. You will receive a Summary Sheet.

You can make changes until Wednesday, May 19 at 5 pm, MST (Greeley Time)

Note: A and B grades might be worth keeping.

The course(s) I wish to switch to S/U grading are:
Must include course prefix, course number, and course CRN (ex: ENG 122 CRN: 15555)

	Course Prefix	Course Number	Course CRN
Course 1:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Course 2:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Course 3:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Course 4:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Course 5:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Course 6:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

The course(s) I wish to leave as letter (A-F) graded are:
Must include course prefix, course number, and course CRN (ex: ENG 122 CRN: 15555)

	Course Prefix	Course Number	Course CRN
Course 1:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Course 2:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Course 3:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Course 4:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Course 5:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Course 6:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Your transcript (academic record) will reflect the most recent survey response before the deadline with S/U Grading COVID-19.

Course	Prefix	Number	CRN	Grade	CRN
ART 171	M	Intro to Vis Comm Design	3.00	B	9.00
BAAC 220	M	Principles of Acct I	3.00	S+	0.00
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ENG 122		College Comp	3.00	A	12.00
Prior Learning					
GEOG 100	M	SS2-World Geography	3.00	B	9.00
STAT 150	S	MAT-Intro Statist Analysis	3.00	A	12.00
Ehrs: 15.00			GPA-Hrs: 12.00	QPts: 42.00	GPA: 3.50

To calculate how S/U will impact your GPA, look at your transcript. You need to write down several numbers:

First: download your unofficial transcript from URSA



Second: scroll down to your Spring 2021 semester. You will see your classes with the GPA Credit Hours, Final grades, and [the Quality Points \(QPts\) you earned](#). Write down these numbers.

GEOG 100	M	SS2-World Geography	3.00	A	12.00
HIST 320	M	Early America to 1763	3.00	C	6.00
HIST 327	M	The Early American West	3.00	C	6.00
HIST 347	M	Us Women History To 1877	3.00	B	9.00
PSY 350	M	Theories Of Personality	3.00	B	9.00
Ehrs: 15.00		GPA-Hrs: 15.00	QPts: 42.00	GPA: 2.80	

Third: scroll to the last section with ALL your UNC GPA Hours and Points you earned. If you divide Quality Points by GPA Hours, you will calculate your current GPA.

***** TRANSCRIPT TOTALS *****				
	Earned Hrs	GPA Hrs	Points	GPA
TOTAL INSTITUTION	167.00	162.00	488.01	3.01
TOTAL TRANSFER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OVERALL	167.00	162.00	488.01	3.01
***** END OF TRANSCRIPT *****				

Now that you have the numbers you need, follow these steps to calculate what S/U will do to your GPA:

1. Add up the total GPA Hours for the classes you want to S/U. *Write that down.*
2. Add up the total Points for the classes you want to S/U. *Write that down too.*
3. Subtract the GPA Hours from Step 1 from the Total GPA hours at UNC.
4. Subtract the Points from Step 2 from the Total Quality Points at UNC.
5. Divide your new total Quality Points by your new Total GPA Hours to see your new GPA with S/U.

Repeat with different course combinations to see how taking S/U on some classes will change your GPA record.