

Remote Grading Information

As part of our emergency response efforts to COVID-19, Otero Junior College is temporarily allowing students the option of choosing to receive Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory grades in lieu of letter grades for the Spring of 2020 semester. Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory grading is an alternate grading scheme where an 'S' counts as a 'C' or better, and a 'U' counts as a 'D' or lower, rather than a letter traditional grade. The S/U grades will **not** change your term or cumulative GPA. However, they **will** be used in the course completion rate calculation for financial aid, and they may affect athletic eligibility, your standing in a program, and your ability to transfer courses to a college or university out-of-state.

Who might want to consider an S/U grade?

- A student with a high GPA may want to choose an **S** so it doesn't lower their GPA affecting transfer or scholarship options.
- A student with no possibility of receiving any grade but an "F" may want to choose a **U**.

Are there situations in which taking an S or U may not be the best option?

Yes! Taking an S or U may not be the best option if:

- You're completing a program that requires a GPA (e.g. nursing or allied health).
- You're transferring to a college or university out of state.
- You're a college athlete.
- You're concerned about academic progress for financial aid.

Process for Requesting an S or U

1. Talk to your advisor by scheduling a phone appointment through Navigate.
2. If you're an athlete, talk to your coach.
3. If you're receiving financial aid and you're thinking about taking a **U**, talk to the financial aid office by scheduling a phone appointment through Navigate.
4. Complete the [Request for Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grading](#). You have up to 10 days after the semester ends to submit your request.
5. An S or U will be assigned **after** final grades are submitted.

Important Things to Consider

- D grades may be counted as electives.
- D grades are considered passing for financial aid.
- S grades will complete pre-requisites.
- U grades keep from lowering your GPA further.
- U grades will count against financial aid completion.

In closing, please reach out to your advisor, athletic coach, and/or the Financial Aid Office if you'd like to request an S or U grade.