

# S/U GRADE SYSTEM

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## No-option Courses

Certain courses have been designated as S/U courses. The "S" and "U" grades are used to indicate the student's final grade. No grading system option is available to students or faculty in these courses.

## Option Courses

Any undergraduate course may be taken on an S/U basis by a student under the following conditions and restrictions:

1. Required courses in the major may not be taken on an S/U basis.
2. Specifically designated required courses in the distribution requirements of the student's college may not be taken on an S/U basis.
3. Courses to satisfy the Writing (Communication) and Mathematics (Computation) Requirements, formerly known as Gordon Rule, may not be taken on an S/U basis.
4. Courses to satisfy Foundations of Knowledge (FKL) General Education may not be taken on an S/U basis.
5. Courses to satisfy USF's B.A. foreign language requirement may not be taken on an S/U basis.
6. All elective courses for the major and all elective courses in the distribution requirements and all other free elective courses may be taken on an S/U basis except where:
  - a. The certifying college restricts the number of courses that may be taken on an S/U basis in any one or all of the above areas or restricts the total number of S/U courses that can be accepted for all of the above areas.
  - b. The certifying college specifies that certain courses may not be taken on an S/U basis.
  - c. The instructor of a course refuses to allow the course to be taken on an S/U basis.

## Mechanism for Assigning S/U Grades

The method by which a student receives an "S" or "U" grade in an option course will consist of the following:

1. A written agreement signed by both instructor and student shall be filed with such offices as may be designated by the college. The college shall set the deadline (no later than the last day of classes for the term) for the student to decide if he/she wishes to take the course on an S/U basis.
2. The instructor shall assign final letter grades A, B, C, D, F, or I, but will transmit to the Registrar "S" or "U" consistent with the following:
  - a. Letter grade, A, B, C, or C- shall be equivalent to a letter grade of "S."
  - b. Letter grades D or F shall be equivalent to a letter grade of "U." "S" and "U" grades are not computed in the student's GPA.