SATISFACTORY/UNSATISFACTORY (S*/U*) GRADING OPTION

Students may utilize the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S*/U*) Grading Option for select courses during their undergraduate study; a number of important restrictions apply (listed below). Under the student-elected S/U option, the student’s grade for a course will be recorded on his or her transcript as S* (student-elected Satisfactory) or U* (student-elected Unsatisfactory). Neither grade will affect the student’s GPA.

Students elect the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory option under Registration - S/U Grading Option in my.newpaltz.edu. The course instructor is not informed that a course is being taken S*/U* and will submit the letter grade earned by the student. Letter grades of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C- will convert to S* (Satisfactory) while grades of D+, D, D- and F will convert to U* (Unsatisfactory). S* grades count toward graduation; U* grades do not.

A student may request that an S* or U* be changed back to a regular letter grade, which will then be counted in the cumulative average and appear on the university record. Such a request will be honored if made within one calendar year after the semester in which the student earned the S* or U*, or before the student graduates, whichever period is shorter. [Policy revision effective Fall 2012.]

The following restrictions apply to the use of the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grading Option:

- **Students who began at New Paltz as freshmen or who entered New Paltz with fewer than 60 transfer credits** may select the S*/U* grading option for no more than one course (up to four credits) per semester and for no more than four courses (up to 12 credits) of undergraduate work at New Paltz.
- **Students with 60 or more transfer credits** may use the S*/U* grading option two times. [Policy revision effective Fall 2014.]
- **Courses that have been elected Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory will not be counted toward General Education, Writing Intensive or Diversity requirements; the Education curricula, or the student’s major or minor requirements, unless the student requests that the S* or U* be changed to a regular letter grade.**
- The S*/U* option is not available for the following courses: ENG160 Composition I or ENG170 Writing and Rhetoric or their equivalents; independent study courses; and any course listed in the Undergraduate Catalog with an S*/U* restriction (“Students cannot elect the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grade option for this course”). Graduate students may not elect S*/U* for courses in their plans of study.
- The S*/U* option does not apply for W (withdrawal) grades.
- The deadline for choosing S*/U* is the last day of classes. Refer to the Academic Calendar for the exact date each semester.
- See also: Dean’s List policy.