

Q. What is Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory?

A. Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory is similar to Pass/Fail. If you are receiving a “C” or better, you can request your grade be changed to “Satisfactory.” If you are getting a grade below a “C”, you can request your grade be changed to “Unsatisfactory.” Satisfactory and Unsatisfactory grades do not count in your GPA. If you are doing well in most courses, Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory could be used to prevent one class from bringing down your GPA. It is best to discuss what is right for you with your Pathway Advisor.

Q. Why would I choose Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory?

A. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, and the stress of moving to on-line, allowing a Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory grading scheme can be helpful in addressing grades that would otherwise hurt your GPA.

Q. When and how can I choose Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory?

A. Requests for S or U grades will only be accepted after grades have officially posted for the Spring 2020 semester. You may submit your electronic request through The Rock student portal at www.rrcc.edu. You will have between May 18 – 26 to complete the S/U grade change request form. Your Pathway Advisor will follow up with you to complete the process. It is highly recommended you meet with your Pathway Advisor as soon as possible however to learn how the S/U grade could impact your specific situation.

Q. What if I choose Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory for every class?

A. If you choose Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory for all courses, your Spring 2020 GPA will not be calculated. Satisfactory grades do count toward graduation requirements, as long as you are taking classes required for your declared RRCC degree or certificate.

Requesting U grades for all classes will result in a financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) status of Ineligible for Aid. You are encouraged to submit a SAP Appeal to the Financial Aid Office if this status applies to you.

Q. How does S/U affect transfer to a university?

A. This depends on where you plan to transfer:

- For in-state transfer to a Colorado university within the State-Wide Transfer Articulation Agreements (Degrees with Designation), all universities will accept Pass/Satisfactory grades in transfer during this time period. Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) guidance is embedded here:



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- For out-of-state universities, you should check with individual institutions.

Q. I am getting a B, and worry it will bring down my GPA?

A. A “Satisfactory” grade will not affect your GPA. However, a “Satisfactory” grade is a “C” or better. If your program requires a “B” or better, choosing a “Satisfactory” grade could mean the course no longer counts.

Q. I am getting a C, should I request an Incomplete or switch to Satisfactory?

A. You should request an Incomplete from your instructor if you believe you will be able to finish the class with a grade better than a “C”, especially if your program requires a “B” or better. If you are granted an Incomplete and are not able to complete the class, your grade could become a “D” or “F” and affect your GPA. If you do not believe you will be able to complete your class, converting your “C” to a “Satisfactory” will allow you to still receive a passing grade, without a “C” bringing down your GPA.

Q. I am getting a D, should I request an Incomplete or switch to Unsatisfactory?

A. If you are getting a D in a class, you do not qualify to request an Incomplete. Both Unsatisfactory and “D” grades can negatively impact your academic standing and financial aid SAP status. However, Unsatisfactory grades do not impact your GPA negatively.

Check with your Pathway Advisor to see if a grade of “D” will count toward your graduation requirements.

Q. I am on academic probation, how will Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory grades affect me?

A. Even though Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory grades do not affect your GPA, both options could negatively impact you and possibly put you on suspension. However, if you are not able to pass your classes with a “C” or better, choosing Unsatisfactory will prevent you from lowering your GPA further. Your Pathway Advisor can help you determine what would be the right choice for your specific situation.

Q. How will Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory grades affect my financial aid?

A. If you receive an Unsatisfactory grade, it will count against financial aid completion, just like getting a D or F will. You could become Ineligible for Aid. We encourage you to submit a SAP Appeal to the Financial Aid Office if you become Ineligible for Aid.

If you receive a Satisfactory grade, it will still count towards financial aid completion, similar to earning a C or better.



STUDENT FAQ - RRCC SATISFACTORY/UNSATISFACTORY GRADE POLICY FOR SPRING 2020

Q. Can I change my mind after I've been granted an "S" or "U" grade?

A. No, this is why it is critical for you to meet with your Pathway Advisor to discuss your options before requesting any grade changes. Once the "S" or "U" grade has been granted, it cannot be changed back to a letter grade.

Q. How will "S" or "U" grades be displayed on my official academic transcript?

A. "S" / "U" grades will include a notation of "COVID-19 Pandemic" on your official transcript.

Q. What if I am taking a Concurrent Enrollment class on my high school campus?

A. If you are a student taking a Concurrent Enrollment class on your high school campus and wish to request a S/U grade, you may do so during May 18-26. Your request will not be processed however until after your final grades are posted. If you need assistance requesting a S or U grade, you can contact the RRCC High School Relations Office for assistance at: HighSchoolRelations@rrcc.edu.