

Pass/Fail Grading Option

The Faculty Senate voted to expand the pass/fail scale for undergraduate students and make it applicable to Spring 2020 classes. Spring 2020 classes that were completed prior to Spring break are not eligible for this option. Classes from previous semesters are not eligible. Review the complete [Pass/Fail Option policy](#). For academic advising questions, please review the [Spring 2020 Undergraduate Pass/Fail Grading FAQ](#).

Frequently Asked Questions about Pass/Fail Effects on Financial Aid

Q: How do S+/S/U grades affect my USC GPA?

A: Grades of S+/S/U do not impact the GPA.

Q: Will I earn credit hours if I request an S+/S/U grade?

A: Courses with S+ and S will count towards earned semester hours and a course with a grade of U will not.

Q: What impact does failing a course have on my financial aid eligibility if I use the Pass/Fail option?

A: Failing courses could potentially affect your ability to receive financial aid. Those courses with an S+/S grade will count as attempted and earned hours, and those with a U grade will only count as attempted hours. However, a Pass/Fail grade will not impact the student's USC GPA. Please see the FASAP Standards for more details:

https://www.sc.edu/about/system_and_campuses/palmetto_college/internal/financial_aid/financial_aid_process/sap/index.php

Q: How might requesting a grade of S+/S/U affect Lottery Tuition Assistance eligibility?

A: Those courses with an S+/S grade will count as attempted and earned hours, and those with a U grade will only count as attempted hours. However, a Pass/Fail grade will not impact the student's USC GPA. Lottery Tuition Assistance eligibility is maintained with an overall USC GPA of 2.0.

Q: How might requesting a grade of S+/S/U affect Life Scholarship eligibility?

A: For courses with grades of S+/S, the hours earned will count toward Life Scholarship credit hour requirements. Grades of S+/S/U will not affect the Life Scholarship GPA.