

Graduate Policy: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory/No Pass Option (Temporary policy in effect for Spring 2019-2020 only)

Rochester Institute of Technology has adopted an amended grading option that students can elect to take advantage of for courses enrolled for the Spring 2019-2020 (2195) term.

At the conclusion of the Spring 2019-2020 (2195) term, all instructors will assign grades for classes as normal. Once grades have been assigned, students will have the option to elect to change any or all of their enrolled classes to be graded on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory/No Pass basis.

For enrolled courses in the Spring 2019-2020 (2195) term, there is no limit to the number of courses/credits allowed to be taken using the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory/No Pass grading option. This option is available for graduate courses that are traditionally graded *excluding* comprehensive exam, thesis and seminars already designated as Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory. Students are permitted to have a combination of traditionally graded coursework and Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory/No Pass coursework.

Courses graded with the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory/No Pass option will not impact the term or cumulative GPA.

If a graduate student elects the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory/No Pass option, they will earn credit in the following manner:

Grade	Description
SE	Satisfactory - reflects performance at the levels of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+ or C and full course credit is earned.
UE	Unsatisfactory - reflects performance at the levels of C- and D. Full course credit is earned but courses graded with UE cannot be used to fulfill graduate degree requirements.
NE	No Pass - reflects performance at the level of F and no course credit is earned.

Grades of UE do not qualify to be used toward graduate degree requirements. This grade represents work completed at the C- or D level which per policy may also not be used toward graduate degree requirements.

Starting after grades are submitted, students may elect to change courses to the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory/No Pass option for the Spring 2019-2020 term. The option remains available until the time the degree is certified.

A student may also request that the Satisfactory/Pass/No Pass option be changed back to a regular letter grade, which will then be calculated in the term and cumulative GPA. Such a request will be honored if made before the student degree is certified. Should an instance occur in which the importance of a traditional grade is not known until after degree certification, the University will have an appeal process in place by which students can request that special attention be paid to their request for grade reversal. This request will be managed by the Office of the Registrar and in consultation with the college Dean's Office and the Office of the Provost.