

COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COUNCIL GUIDELINES

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S/U and P/F Grading

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Application

This guideline applies to the state system of community colleges.

Principle

Designates when the satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) and the pass/fail (P/F) grading systems may be used.

Guideline

Individual students will not be able to select the S/U grading option or the P/F grading option for a course that has been identified as a traditionally graded course when using the self service features of Banner. A request for the S/U option or the P/F option may be submitted to the registration office. NOTE: If individual students are permitted by college procedure to choose an S/U option or a P/F option for a course, the college will build two sections of the course – one for the graded section and one for the S/U option or the P/F option.

College catalogs should identify the number of S/U credits or P/F credits that may be applied to a degree or certificate. No course taken for an S/U grade or a P/F grade may be applied to the AA/AS degree with the exception of physical education courses.

An “S” grade will indicate that the quality of student work in the course is equivalent to “C or better”. “S” and “U” will count in attempted and earned credits, but will not carry any quality points. Therefore, S/U grades will not be included in GPA calculations. A “P” grade will indicate that the quality of student work in the course is not a failing grade. “P” and “F” grades will count in attempted and earned credits, but will not carry any quality points. Therefore, P/F grades will not be included in GPA calculations.