Undergraduate Student Grade Option 2020

Lock Haven University undergraduate students enrolled in courses in Spring 2020 will be given the option to select Satisfactory (S)/Unsatisfactory (U) grades to replace traditional letter grades in any or all courses in which the student is currently enrolled. Students must select this option by 11:59 PM on May 3, 2020.

Rationale: Students enrolled in spring courses have expressed significant concerns about the impact of changed instructional mode on student success. This option allows students to select an option to ease stress created by the change in instructional mode.

Student Transcript:
1. The Satisfactory (S) grade will be applied to the student transcript if a student earns a grade of D or better as reported by the assigned instructor of the course. The U grade shall apply to the student transcript if a student earns a grade of E or EW as reported by the assigned instructor of the course. The S/U grades shall not be used in the computation of the student quality point average.
2. Semester hours earned by classes that are awarded an S grade shall count toward the 120 semester hours needed for completion of the student’s degree.
3. A note shall be entered into the student transcript which shall describe the S/U grade interpretation.
4. If the student retakes a course in a semester after spring 2020 that has been identified in this category, the student shall not be able to select the Student Grade Option 2020.
5. If the course in progress is a retake, the student may select the Student Grade Option 2020. This decision may affect the student's quality point average.

Procedures
1. Students and faculty shall be informed of the option through the Provost’s office. A Student Grade Option form shall be accessible to students via the Registrar’s website.
2. A student shall be encouraged to meet with their academic advisor(s) athletic advisor(s), or financial aid staff to discuss the possible impact of changing the grade scheme to S/U.
3. A student shall submit the completed form to the Registrar’s Office (electronic) by 11:59 PM on May 3, 2020. No forms can be accepted after this date and time.
4. A student shall not be required to notify an instructor if they select the Student Grade Option. A faculty member shall not require a student to notify them if the student has selected this option.
5. The decision is irrevocable, cannot be changed after the deadline or after selection, except under the Grade Appeal Policy.
6. In any instance where there is an external need for a letter grade and the S/U is selected, Lock Haven University cannot take responsibility for the student's choice and will have little, if any, ability to verify the grade earned.
Graduate Student Grade Option 2020

Lock Haven University graduate students enrolled in courses in Spring 2020 will be given the option to select Satisfactory (S)/Unsatisfactory(U) grades to replace traditional letter grades in any or all courses in which the student is currently enrolled. Students must select this option by 11:59 PM on May 3, 2020.

Rationale: Students enrolled in spring courses have expressed significant concerns about the impact of changed instructional mode on student success. This option allows students to select an option to ease stress created by the change in instructional mode.

Student Transcript:
1. The Satisfactory (S) grade will be applied to the student transcript if a student earns a grade of B or better as reported by the assigned instructor of the course. The U grade shall apply to the student transcript if a student earns a grade of B- or lower as reported by the assigned instructor of the course. The S/U grades shall not be used in the computation of the student quality point average.
2. Semester hours earned by classes that are awarded an S grade shall count toward the minimum semester hours needed for completion of the student’s degree.
3. A note shall be entered into the student transcript which shall describe the S/U grade interpretation.
4. If the student retakes a course in a semester after spring 2020 that has been identified in this category, the student shall not be able to select the Student Grade Option 2020.
5. If the course in progress is a retake, the student may select the Student Grade Option 2020. This decision may affect the student's quality point average.

Procedures
1. Students and faculty shall be informed of the option through the Provost’s office. A Student Grade Option form shall be accessible to students via the Registrar’s website.
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4. A student shall not be required to notify an instructor if they select the Student Grade Option. A faculty member shall not require a student to notify them if the student has selected this option.
5. The decision is irrevocable, cannot be changed after the deadline or after selection, except under the Grade Appeal Policy.
6. In any instance where there is an external need for a letter grade and the S/U is selected, Lock Haven University cannot take responsibility for the student's choice and will have little, if any, ability to verify the grade earned.