Dear Students,

Students and faculty have expressed significant concerns about the impact of changed instructional mode on student success during SP2020. In response to these concerns and many other stressors posed by the SP2020 semester, Lock Haven University is providing a satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (U) grading option for any and all courses during the SP2020 semester. This is a student option that must be actively selected. By not selecting the S/U grading option, you automatically remain with the traditional letter grading (A, B, C, etc.). As you consider the S/U option, please keep in mind that there can be unintended consequences of a decision to select this option. Therefore, before making a decision, I strongly urge you to consult with your faculty advisor, athletic advisor, program director and/or financial aid office as appropriate.

Please read this entire email and pay close attention to any cautionary notes.

Undergraduate Student Grade Option 2020
1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Students must select this option by 11:59 PM on May 3, 2020. No forms can be accepted after this date and time. The form can be found at https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/cj805Be4d0X4
4. If a student does not wish to select the S/U option, then no action or form is required. You will be graded according to the grading scheme in place at the beginning of SP2020.
5. The decision is irrevocable, cannot be changed after the deadline or after selection, except under the Grade Appeal Policy. Therefore, please consult your advisors BEFORE making any decisions.
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. Therefore, you are again urged to consult your advisor.

Graduate Student Grade Option 2020
1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Students must select this option by 11:59 PM on May 3, 2020. No forms can be accepted after this date and time. The form can be found at https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/cj805Be4d0X4
4. If a student does not wish to select the S/U option, then no action or form is required. You will be graded according to the grading scheme in place at the beginning of SP2020.
5. The decision is irrevocable, cannot be changed after the deadline or after selection, except under the Grade Appeal Policy. Therefore, please consult your advisors BEFORE making any decisions.
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. Therefore, you are again urged to consult your advisor.

Potential consequences of selecting a S/U option include:
1. Impact on your GPA as S/U has no effect on your GPA.
2. Impact on Satisfactory Academic Progress for financial aid.
3. Impact on applications to graduate programs requiring certain GPAs or course grades for admission.
4. For graduate students, accreditation or licensure/certification requirements could be impacted.
5. There may be other unforeseen implications such as scholarship requirements. Please note that Lock Haven University is not responsible for your decision to select a S/U option. **This is your decision and should only be made after careful consultation with your advisors and financial aid office.**

On behalf of the entire LHU community, I wish you good health and continued academic success during these trying times.

Regards,

**Jonathan Lindzey** | Interim Provost and Vice President Academic Affairs  
*Office of the Provost*