

**PROPOSED REVISION OF DAVIS DIVISION REGULATION A546:  
Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory Grading**

Submitted by Graduate Council and the Academic Senate Chair.

Endorsed by the Executive Council.

Rationale: The proposed revision to Davis Division Regulation A546: Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory Grading would allow for grading flexibility for graduate students in each Summer Sessions and Fall terms 2020 during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Proposed Revision: Davis Division Regulation A546 shall be amended as follows. Deletions are indicated by ~~strikeout~~; additions are in bold type.

A546. Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory Grading

- (A) Under such rules as the Graduate Council and the appropriate program may determine, a graduate student in good standing (or who receives approval from the Office of Graduate Studies) is authorized to undertake, in addition to courses graded on a Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory only basis, one course each term on an optional Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) basis. After a graduate student has been advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree, the student may undertake an unlimited number of courses on a Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory basis. (Am. 9/1/2018)
- 1) For spring term **and summer session(s) 2020:** A graduate student in good standing (or who receives approval from the Office of Graduate Studies) is authorized to undertake, in addition to courses graded on a Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory only basis, not more than three courses in **each term or session** ~~spring 2020~~ on an optional Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) basis.
  - 2) **For fall term 2020: A graduate student in good standing (or who receives approval from the Office of Graduate Studies) is authorized to undertake, in addition to courses graded on a Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory only basis, not more than two courses on an optional Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) basis.**
- (B) With the consent of the appropriate program and approval of the Graduate Council and of the Davis Division Committee on Courses of Instruction, the grades assigned in specific graduate courses may be, for graduate students, Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory only and, for undergraduate students, Passed or Not Passed only.
- (C) Students enrolled in individual research or individual study graduate courses (299 or 299D) shall be graded on a Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory only basis.

- (D) In courses being undertaken on a Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory basis, the grade of Satisfactory shall be awarded only for work which otherwise would receive a grade of B- or better and shall be awarded in undergraduate courses only for work which otherwise would receive a grade of C- or better. Units thus earned shall be counted in satisfaction of degree requirements but disregarded in determining a student's grade point average. No credit shall be allowed for work graded Unsatisfactory.