

# Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grading Policy

In courses with standard grading, students may request the Satisfactory (S)/Unsatisfactory (U) grading option, subject to the guidelines indicated by the University which can be found in this Catalog. The University defers to individual colleges for further guidelines on the use of a Satisfactory (S)/Unsatisfactory (U) option. CPS students are subject to the following guidelines:

- The S/U option is available only to those students whose cumulative GPA is 3.0 or better
- Students who have reached sophomore status are eligible to request S/U grading
- A total of five (5) Villanova courses can be graded on an S/U basis during a student's academic career.
- A limit of one (1) course per semester (Fall, Spring or Summer) may be taken on a S/U basis.
- Courses that fulfill major or minor requirements are not approved for S/U grading
- A maximum of two (2) courses in the Core Curriculum (BIS students only) may be graded on S/U basis
- A maximum of three (3) courses in the Free Electives area may be graded on S/U basis
- The Withdrawal (WX) policy and procedures are the same as a standard graded course
- The "S" grade is equivalent to a grade of "C" or better.
- Satisfactory/unsatisfactory grades will be shown on the transcript but will not be reflected in the quality point average.
- Requests for S/U grading are made by completing and submitting the required [form](https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/enroll/registrar/forms.html) (located on the Registrar's website: <https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/enroll/registrar/forms.html>) prior to the drop/add deadline.