

Office of Academic & Student Affairs

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Dear HHP Graduate Students,

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact and alter the lives of students in countless ways. HHP graduate students have been admirably resilient and adaptable during these unsettling times. We recognize, however, the unique circumstances presented by the pandemic may be impacting academic performance in the spring semester.

The College of Health and Human Performance has therefore adopted an S-U Option for Graduate Courses offered by the college in the Spring 2020 semester. Students can review the revised policy here (<http://hhp.ufl.edu/current-students/academic-advising/>). Note this policy pertains solely to graduate courses offered through HHP and may not apply to courses offered through other colleges. Most students will find it's in their best interest to retain letter grades in many of their courses. When determining whether or not to switch a course to S-U, students should consider the following:

- The vast majority of grades earned in HHP graduate programs tend to be a B or better. An S grade may thereby devalue the external perception of your level of achievement.
- The majority of students should retain the graded option for their graduate coursework.
- What grade is currently being earned in the class? If the course remains letter graded, will this grade meet the degree requirement?
- S-U grades have NO GPA weight. Coursework taken as S-U will neither positively nor negatively affect GPA.
- S-U course availability varies from college to college. If you are enrolled in non-HHP coursework, you will need to follow up with your instructor to inquire about S-U availability for non-HHP courses.
- When discussing this option with peers, remember each college and major have different minimum grade requirements, and other unique constraints. What works for peers may not work for your situation.
- Take time to consider all your options before making a decision. **The period to request this change is April 1-April 22 (the last day of class).**

When determining whether or not the S/U option is within your best interest, seek advice from your departmental graduate coordinators, program directors, faculty supervisors, and/or program assistants. Graduate coordinators and program assistant contact information can be found here (<http://hhp.ufl.edu/current-students/academic-advising/> (scroll to Graduate Advising section)).

Your HHP family is here to continue to support you during this trying time. Please don't hesitate to reach out for guidance and information to help you make these important decisions.

Best wishes from the HHP Office of Academic and Student Affairs