

**Office of Academic & Student Affairs**

Dear Colleagues,

In case you missed it, I encourage you to please read the forwarded message below from Provost Glover regarding the Spring 2020 S-U and Drop Policy that was announced this evening and is now in effect for the spring semester. Note the policy is accompanied by a thorough FAQ (<http://undergrad.aa.ufl.edu/for-students/covid-19-and-academic-policies/faculty-faq---spring-2020/>), including items to address faculty, staff, and student questions. A companion announcement was sent to our undergraduate students and is attached, FYI. ([See pdf](#))

The HHP Academic Advising page (<http://hhp.ufl.edu/current-students/academic-advising/>) will be updated with information for students regarding the policy, the importance of making informed decisions, and how to seek help in making those decisions. The college and departments will be including follow-up messaging to students to direct them to these resources, and to encourage them to work with advisors and faculty to make decisions that are most suitable to their current situation, while considering future goals and aspirations.

Thank you for your continued understanding and adaptability as we seek to best serve students and help them make academic progress while being conscientious of the unique circumstances they are experiencing this semester.

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**From:** UFHR Communications <HRSGENERAL-L@LISTS.UFL.EDU> **On Behalf Of** . HR Human Resource Services  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 6:57 PM  
**To:** HRSGENERAL-L@LISTS.UFL.EDU  
**Subject:** Spring 2020 S-U and Drop Policy

Dear Faculty,

These are extraordinary times that have required both faculty and students to adjust to changes in Spring 2020 course delivery. We are extremely appreciative of our faculty and staff's efforts to accomplish electronic course delivery under great time constraints. As you have likely heard, with the support of the Florida Board of Governors, UF is offering undergraduate students the opportunity to select the S-U grading or drop option for any or all of their eligible undergraduate-level Spring 2020 courses. Course eligibility was determined through faculty, deans, and provost collaboration.

Students will make this selection between April 1 and April 22. We selected the date of April 22<sup>nd</sup> as the last day for students to request either the S-U grading or Drop option this term. This will provide them with as much time as possible to adjust to this new educational and living environment and to consider the potential implications of this important decision (e.g., academic, financial, graduate school competitiveness). Further, this provides time to consult with their academic advisors about their individual circumstances. This time period is already a busy time for UF's academic advising community. The additional time provided students to make a decision will assist both students and our dedicated team of advisors with scheduling appointments and sharing relevant information.

We also recognize that the April 22<sup>nd</sup> date falls very close to the end of the semester. In some cases, students will have most/all of their grades returned, and in other cases, they will not. This might cause students to request, or even expect, their instructors to provide them with final grade information before the April 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline. They might also ask for a quick turnaround on end-of-term exams and assignments so they can use this information to help them make their S/U/Drop decisions.

However, you are under no obligation to accelerate your grading or provide grade information to students prior to the typical grading period. We will communicate this to our students via the COVID-19 FAQ page. Students will need to make their S-U Grading/Drop decisions by the April 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline with the semester grade information that is available to them via Canvas at that time, as you deem fit. Students will make their decisions electronically so you will not need to enter grades any differently than you do now.

Thank you for your incredible support of both our students and of UF during this crisis. We appreciate all of the work you are doing.

Sincerely,

Joe Glover, Provost