

Hello! My name is Veda

Hi! I am Sam

We are going to discuss S/NS grading

What is S/NS grading?

All eligible Michigan State University students may request to have their grades recorded in a binary grading system of Satisfactory/Not Satisfactory (S/NS) for each eligible course in which they are enrolled during the Spring 2020 semester.

You can find more information at

<https://remote.msu.edu/grading-option/>

Students will be able to select S/NS for individual courses.

For example, if you have 4 grades, you could choose to have 3 reported as "S" and one as numerical grade "3.5"

For this example, the student received the following grades:

ISB 204 - 0.0

PLS 100 - 3.5

PLS 140 - 1.0

WRA 101 - 2.5

Which grades should I choose for S/NS?

Lets start with showing the impact of the grades on the GPA!

Sam, I can help with that!

Advisors have a feature called a GPA Calculator. They can assist you with calculating different scenarios.

Using the GPA calculator, the student has a projected

1.5227 Cumulative GPA at the end of Spring 2020.

This is shown in the green box in the lower corner "UN GPA"

If we choose the ISB 204 course to change to "NS",

what happens to the GPA?

S/NS have no GPA impact so I remove it from the calculation.

The GPA is now 1.76!

Veda, what if we try something -

What if I also choose an "S" for the PLS 140 course?

The GPA jumps to 1.90!

What if the student is on probation and needs a 2.0 for the semester to continue at MSU?

Using the S/NS options for ISB 204 and PLS 140,

Spring 2020 term GPA is 2.92!

Nice job Sam!

For Probation students, MSU reviews your term GPA.

So with Sam's example, this student has a term GPA of 2.9. The student would be on "Final Probation" and able to take Summer/Fall courses.

Let's show another student!

The student received the following grades:

AIIS 201 - 1.5

HDFS 270 - 0.0

HRLR 201 - 3.0

ISS 210 - 2.0

This student's GPA was a 2.81 starting the Spring 2020 semester.

Again using the GPA calculator, the student has a projected

2.10 Cumulative GPA at the end of Spring 2020.

If we choose the AIIS 201 as "S" and HDFS 270 as "NS",
what happens to the GPA?

S/NS have no GPA impact so I remove it from the calculation.

The GPA is now 2.66!

If we also change ISS 210 to "S", what happens to the GPA?

The GPA is now 2.85!

The student has a higher GPA at the end of Spring!

Veda, that is great!

Using S/NS grading improved the student's overall GPA!

Now that we have some understanding of S/NS grading.

Veda, do you know how the student can request the grade changes?

Sam, great question! Let's walk through the form process.

In StuInfo under Academic tab, there will be an option "Satisfactory/Not Satisfactory (S/NS) Grade Option - Spring 2020".

The S/NS form will look something like this:

This example shows when the grade change to NS/S is already submitted.

Click the box next to the S/NS you want to select and submit!

You will see this screen when the form is submitted.

The grades will be updated after the May 20, 2020 (11:59 pm EST) deadline.

Quick note!

Dean's List requires 12 credits with average 3.5 or higher GPA. They must be numerical grades. You will only be able to change grades that are numerical.

Incompletes and P/NP will not have S/NS options.

You should talk with your Academic Advisor about these situations.

Remember you only have a limited time to make this request!

May 6 - May 20 (11:59 pm EST)

I changed the wrong grade!?!

What happens if I made a mistake?

You need to take action!!!

You can resubmit the form to remove the request!

All requests are final

May 20 (11:59 pm EST)!!!

Contact your Academic Advisor

or the College of Social Science

SSC.AcademicAffairs@msu.edu

The College of Social Science Team is here to help you!

Please do not wait to submit the form!

Ask for help early!

Make an appointment with your advisor

msu.campus.eab.com

email the College

SSC.AcademicAffairs@msu.edu