

Additional Grading Option for In-Progress Spring 2020 Classes

As a result of changes in instructional delivery due to COVID-19 and after discussion with chairs and deans, Cameron is changing its grading policy for Spring 2020 to allow students to choose between the standard letter grades and a satisfactory/unsatisfactory. Cameron's policies will follow the recent guidance from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. This procedure pertains only to Spring 2020 courses that are in progress. Courses that ended before March 13 will be graded following previously established grading policies.

1. Cameron faculty will submit a letter grade for active spring courses by 5:00 pm on May 5, 2020.
2. Students can elect to change from a standard letter grade for a Spring 2020 course to a S/U grading option. Students can make the decision on a course-by-course basis.
3. Any student requesting a change must inform the university of his/her request to change to S/U grades for any course(s) by 5:00 pm on May 12, 2020. Requests submitted after the deadline cannot be considered due to state reporting requirements.
4. Eligibility for S/U grading will be as follows:
 - a. Remedial or developmental courses:
 - Grades of A, B, or C may be changed to a S
 - Grades of D or F may be changed to an U
 - b. Undergraduate courses:
 - Grades of A, B, C, or D may be changed to a S
 - Grades of F may be changed to an U
 - c. Graduate courses:
 - Grades of A, B, C may be changed to a S
 - Grades of D and F may be changed to an U
5. Once a student elects to change from a standard letter grade to S/U, the student cannot later request the grade to be reversed to the original standard letter grade.
6. Grades of S and U are grade neutral, but the credit hours associated with the course will count in hours attempted for retention. A grade of S will count in earned hours for graduation.
7. All courses for which students receive satisfactory grades will count toward degree requirements, which overrides some departmental or college policies.
8. This new grading procedure is intended to provide a level of flexibility for our students as Cameron transitions to alternate delivery formats.

Before electing this option, students should contact the Office of Financial Assistance at financialaid@cameron.edu. Students should be aware that Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) calculations may change and affect eligibility to receive financial aid. Further, a change in GPA calculations may affect scholarship eligibility.

Before electing this option, students should contact an advisor in their academic discipline. If students have questions on how the grade change may impact their grade point average, contact the Registrar's Office. Students should be aware that changes may affect long-term considerations like eligibility for graduation, application/acceptance to professional programs or graduate school, and employment.

Guidance for Faculty

- Faculty are still required to give either a final exam or a final project. Due to the move to alternative instructional delivery, final exams should be given online and final projects submitted electronically during final's week. Faculty may either follow the published exam schedule or leave exams open for the entire week of finals.
- Final exams will be conducted remotely. To avoid additional cost to students which could compound the financial hardship many are already facing, faculty members are not encouraged to use online proctoring tools that require students to pay a user fee.
- Faculty should not adjust their grading system to a S/U system.