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To address complications presented by the COVID19 pandemic, the Faculty Senate Steering Committee proposes the following grading accommodations for undergraduate students enrolled in spring 2020.

- All courses will be graded as originally planned according to grading criteria in course syllabi. After grades are submitted at the end of the semester, undergraduates can choose, on a course-by-course basis, to request a pass/fail grade for the Spring 2020 semester with the exception of Graduate or professional school courses, which can be taken as pass/fail only when deemed appropriate by the program or school Dean.
 - The following pass/fail scale will be used: Earned grades of A, B+, B, C+, and C will be replaced with SC, earned grades of D+ and D will be replaced with S, and an earned grade of F will be replaced with U.
- If students select the SC/S/U grading scale for a course, points will not be factored into the GPA. Courses with SC and S will count towards earned semester hours.
- Courses graded with the SC/S/U scale, under this exception for Spring 2020, will count towards applicable curricular, major, continuation, and graduation requirements. For example, if a course requires a C or better in a prerequisite, students selecting this alternative grading scale would need an SC in the prerequisite course.
- Faculty members will not be aware of students who select the pass/fail grading option when entering final grades. Grades will be entered in the format for which the course was approved.
- Students who previously decided to take a course on a pass/fail basis will continue on a pass/fail basis using the University's established S/U system (e.g., S is earned if the grade is D or above and U is earned for grades below D).
- For the Spring 2020 semester, undergraduate students who choose to replace a course letter grade with the SC/S/U option must do so no later than July 1, 2020.
 - This process will occur through the Office of the University Registrar. A form will be available on the University Registrar website for the student to request that a letter grade be replaced with the SC/S/U scale.
- UofSC will include a transcript note on all academic records, regardless of grading basis, indicating the extraordinary circumstances of the global public health emergency during Spring 2020.
- Because some graduate and professional programs require letter grades to be reflected on transcripts, when necessary, students will be able to request an official letter attesting to the letter grade earned in any classes that were converted to SC/S/U. This letter would attest only to grades, not to GPA. We will ensure that those who need evidence of your academic achievements this spring will be able to get it. A form will be available on the University's website for students to request these letters.
- Students will be allowed to retake undergraduate courses in which they earned an SC, S, or U during Spring 2020. Any undergraduate courses retaken under this provision will not count towards the number of courses currently allowed by the current grade forgiveness policy (<https://www.sa.sc.edu/ssc/files/2013/01/GradeForgivenessPolicy.pdf>). In addition, students who were retaking a class for grade forgiveness in Spring 2020 can retake the class another semester, without penalty.