

## RE – DPT COVID-19 Grading Allowance Spring 2020

April 8, 2020

The faculty met on April 1, 2020 to discuss the option of allowing students to request a Satisfactory (S) / Unsatisfactory (U) grade versus an actual letter grade for the Spring and Summer semesters. This is in response to recent correspondence issued by the Provost's Office. The faculty voted in favor of allowing students to exercise this option. Students were informed of the decision and the parameters around how that will work on April 2, 2020.

- Letter grade of A-F will be reported to the Registrar's Office as customary. For those classes with S/U (such as Professional Critical Self Reflection or Professional Practice Education) students will still receive either an S/U grade as customary.
- These grades will be used to calculate GPA and to determine Satisfactory Academic Progress (which could affect removal of or being placed on academic probation or being dismissed from the program). Satisfactory Academic Progress can also have an effect on eligibility for financial aid.
- Students will have up to 18 months following the conclusion of the course to make a request to the Registrar for a S/U grade versus a letter grade. In the event students decide to receive an S/U grade instead of a letter grade, the S/U grade will no longer be calculated into the semester or overall GPA. This means that if they chose to receive all S/U grades, their GPA would remain the same as it is currently. If they chose some courses as S/U and others as graded courses, their GPA would be calculated based only on the graded courses.

As they decide whether or not to request an S/U grade versus an actual letter, students are encouraged to consider how these grades may represent their academic effort as they consider employment, professional development opportunities or additional education in the future. In particular, residency programs and Ph.D. programs generally weigh academics heavily when considering an applicant to their program. Opportunities for scholarships may also be contingent upon demonstration of a required GPA.