

Addendum to the 2019-2020 Academic Catalog

In recognition of the extraordinary changes to the spring 2020 semester both for the delivery of course content and the diverse learning environments for both students and faculty, Randolph-Macon College has adopted the following temporary modifications to our academic regulations **for the spring 2020 semester only:**

Spring Term S/U Grading Policy:

Students may request that any Spring 2020 course that is graded using letter grades be graded using the designators S (satisfactory) and U (unsatisfactory). The following parameters apply:

- a. Students may choose to opt in for all, some, or none of their current courses.
- b. Final course grades equivalent to a D- or higher will count as Satisfactory (S); final course grades equivalent to an F will count as Unsatisfactory (U). An S grade may be used to fulfill all major, minor, and general education requirements. A U grade will not fulfill any requirements.
- c. Students will earn credit hours for courses converted to S/U in which they receive S grades, but courses converted to S/U will not apply to the R-MC GPA. In addition, the credit hours earned in S/U courses will not count towards 'attempted hours' to eliminate the risk that students currently on probation will shift their probation/separation GPA threshold without the ability to improve their overall GPA.
- d. If a student later needs a grade of S/U converted back to a letter grade, they may submit a request for reinstatement.

Policy change relating to academic probation and separation:

Student records will not be reviewed for academic separation or placement on academic probation following the spring/summer 2020 academic period. The College will return to probation/separation review following the fall '20/January '21 academic period. Students currently on academic probation who improve their academic standing will be reviewed for removal from academic probation.

Policy change relating to repeated courses:

If a student chooses the S/U option in a repeat course (i.e. they are currently retaking a course in which a D (+/-) or F was previously earned), the GPA quality points associated with the original grade will be vacated if an S is earned. This means that the original grade will be removed from the GPA, and no new grade will replace it.

If a student wants to repeat a course in which they have opted for an S/U grade and earned a U, then the student can repeat the course because the U is comparable to an F. If the student earns

an S and wishes to repeat the course, they may only do so if they request the grade be converted back to a letter grade and if that letter grade is a D+/D/D-.

Policy statement regarding the Code of Academic Integrity

No student may replace a course grade of F received as a penalty for a Code of Academic Integrity violation, and an F grade assigned as a penalty for an academic integrity violation subsequent to a student electing the S/U option will replace that designation.

Deadline change for incomplete grades:

The spring 2020 Incomplete (I) grade deadline has been extended to August 1, 2020.

Policy change relating to transfer credit from other institutions with Pass/Fail (P/F) policies:

The current R-MC policy states that we do not accept courses completed for P/F as transfer credit (because we cannot verify if the grade is C or higher). In light of changes at R-MC this term, the following accommodations are in place for courses completed in Spring 2020 only. If an institution is offering a two-tiered P/F option, then the student can transfer in a P. If an institution is offering a three-tiered P/F option, with one grade designated for C or higher, one grade designated for D, and one grade designated for F, then students cannot transfer the D or F equivalent.

Policy change relating to Dean's List:

S/U grades will not factor into Dean's List, and selecting S/U grades will not adversely affect students' ability to earn Dean's List in spring 2020.

Policy change relating to final exams:

Students are permitted to reschedule the final examination in a course to a time agreed upon by the student and instructor. Final exam change requests do not need to go through the Provost's office for the spring 2020 semester. This policy does not alter the requirement that faculty adhere to the published final exam schedule.