



Flexible Grading Option during COVID-19 Policy Fall 2020

In light of the unique challenges our students are experiencing this semester in regard to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Daemen College is providing an alternative SC/UC grading policy for the Fall 2020 semester. This grading policy is approved by the Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs for use during the academic time affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For our current undergraduate students, the college has developed a temporary policy that provides flexibility for how their grades will be reflected on their academic record for Fall 2020. **Undergraduate students can apply for SC/UC grading to use with any CORE or FREE ELECTIVE course in the Fall 2020 semester.** This grading option is **NOT** an option for any courses required in a student's major or minor **UNLESS** allowed by the appropriate Program and/or Department Chair. If Departments will be making any exceptions within their program requirements, this information will be shared with students.

In order to activate this option, students will need their faculty advisor's approval of their decision to exercise this grading alternative. The deadline for opting in to SC/UC grading will open on **Monday, November 16, 2020** and end on **Friday, November 20, 2020**. The form and instructions will be provided by the Registrar's Office. Faculty will have until **Wednesday, December 2, 2020** to approve or deny student's request.

These grades are defined as the following (definitions will be added to our transcript legend):

SC (Satisfactory COVID-19) – SC grades will not be included in the GPA, but credits will be awarded for the course. SC will apply to a grade of A through D.

UC (Unsatisfactory COVID-19) - UC grades will not be included in the GPA, and no credit will be awarded for the course. UC will apply to grades lower than a D.

SC/UC Criteria for CORE and Elective Courses:

- Any undergraduate student may opt in to SC/UC by course.
- These grades can be used with courses fulfilling free electives and CORE requirements.
- There is no limit on the number of SC/UC credits taken by the student for the semester.
- This grade does not add to the student's overall limit of **S/U credit in the future**.
- SC/UC **MAY NOT** be able to be employed with courses fulfilling major and/or minor requirements. This application will be determined at the academic department level. Please work closely with your faculty advisor to decide and plan.

NOTE: The letter grade earned may be recovered upon filing the completed Request to Recover Grade form with the Registrar's Office. A recovered grade will appear on the official transcript and be calculated into the semester and cumulative GPA.