

The Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) Option under the GPA System

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Rationale for the S/U Option

The University implemented the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) option from Semester 1 of academic year 2005-06 for students under the GPA system.

To encourage students to explore areas outside their major, the University will allow students to declare a percentage of their subjects to be excluded in the computation of cumulative GPA. For these subjects, students may exercise the S/U option.

The University rules governing the S/U option are as follows:

1. Students will be considered to have completed the subject satisfactorily and be awarded the AU if they obtain a minimum grade of 'C'.
2. Subjects read on the S/U basis will not be included in the computation of the CGPA but the AU earned will count towards the total AU requirement for graduation if the subject is completed satisfactorily. However if it is completed unsatisfactorily, the AU will not be counted towards the total AU requirement and the grade 'U' will be reflected on the transcript.
3. Once a subject has been placed under the S/U option, the repeat attempt(s) of the same subject will also fall under the S/U option.
4. Pass/Fail (P/F) subjects including subjects taken at the host universities during exchange programmes are excluded from the AUs proposed under the S/U option.
5. No consideration will be given if a student has already attempted the examination for the subject.
6. To be awarded a degree, a student must fulfill all the AU requirements of the programme, of which at least 77 AUs must be graded subjects.

[Note that only those who would like to exercise the option need to access the online system to do so.](#)

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Implementation of the S/U option in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences

- (1) The S/U option is applicable to all HSS students.
- (2) Students may exercise the option for up to 12 AUs applicable to the following subjects:
 - a. GER prescribed electives
 - b. GER unrestricted electives

Students cannot exercise S/U options on GER unrestricted electives that are to be used to fulfill the Second Major or Minor(s), i.e. all Second Major and Minor subjects must be graded.

They may utilise these 12 AUs anytime during their study in NTU.

If you have any queries relating to the S/U option, please get in touch with the HSS Undergraduate Office.

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