

S Grade by Student Appeal Option

The faculty on the IUPUI campus, will assign calculated letter grades at the end of the spring 2020 semester consistent with past semesters. After final grades are posted, students will have the opportunity to appeal for an S grade through Friday, May 29th. This appeal will require approval from instructor and advisor to assure this grade change will be in the student's best interest based on their situation and program. Appeal forms will be available online. To support this accommodation, the following will be implemented on the IUPUI campus for the spring 2020 semester.

1. Prior to the end of the semester, communications will be sent to students and faculty. In an effort to keep students motivated, large scale communications will be sent after final grades are posted. On an individual basis, students who inquire before the end of the semester will be encouraged to complete their studies to the best of their abilities and additional options will be available after final grades are assessed.
2. A standard web form will be created that will allow students to request a change of grade from a calculated grade to an S grade.

Notes

- The student appeal option, if elected, should apply to the entire campus.
- Appeals that are fully approved will be processed as follows
 - Students with grades of C or better will receive S grades will be coded internally as an S by exception.
 - Students with grades of C-, D or D- will receive P grades.
- Student athletes, students receiving educational benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and students being reimbursed for their educational costs by their employers may be harmed by receiving S grades in lieu of calculated letter grades. This is mitigated by requiring students to meet with their academic advisor and instructor before receiving a final grade of S.
- The campus will have the option to consider change of grade requests from S to a traditionally calculated grade with few concerns.
- From an Institutional Research perspective, campuses will be able to compare changes to the GPA curve for the spring 2020 semester against past semesters.

Faculty S Grade Option

The faculty on the Bloomington campus, will have the option of assigning an S grade in lieu of a calculated letter grade at the end of the spring 2020 semester in accordance with recent amendments to [ACA-66 Grading System and Implementation Procedures](#). To support this accommodation, the following changes will be implemented on the Bloomington campus for the spring 2020 semester.

1. An S grade will be added to final grade rosters that are traditionally graded as A+ through F. Faculty are required to notify the student that they will be receiving an S grade in lieu of a traditional calculated letter grade. See Notes.
2. After the grade roster is submitted by the faculty member, S grades assigned by faculty member will be updated internally as a standard S grade that was assessed by exception. The final grade on the transcript will display as an S, but internally will be coded as an S by exception. This is necessary in order to consider this S grade for degree requirements, prerequisites and admission to select programs on the Bloomington campus.

3. After all final grade rosters have been processed for the spring 2020 semester, the S grade will not be available for future semesters. At the present time, the Bloomington campus will not be making the S grade available for the summer 2020 semester.

Notes

- The S grade option applies to the entire career (undergraduate, graduate, law, etc...) Due to constraints in the SIS, the S grade cannot be masked or eliminated for select schools or departments within a career. Schools that do not permit the use of the S grade will need to communicate this decision to their faculty and audit final grade rosters for the inappropriate assigning of S grades.
- Student athletes, students receiving educational benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and students being reimbursed for their educational costs by their employers may be harmed by receiving S grades in lieu of calculated letter grades.
- It may be difficult to consider change of grade requests from S to a traditionally calculated grade due to faculty not being available (accepts new position, adjunct that is not retained, etc...) or the purging of assignments after the one year retention policy has lapsed or subsequently lost or purged in error.