

A photograph of Franklin College. The top half shows a brick building with a prominent steeple and a clock tower, surrounded by trees with green and yellow autumn foliage. The bottom half shows a brick sign that reads "FRANKLIN COLLEGE" with a circular logo in the center.

## Alternative Grading Policy Option for Undergraduate Students

**Franklin College has introduced an alternative Satisfactory/Satisfactory D/Fail grading option for undergraduate students during the Spring 2020 semester. The following guidance may help you consider if this option is right for you.**

### Letter grades may be a good option if:

- You are doing well in the course and expect to continue to do well.
- Your expected course grade will raise your GPA or be consistent with your current GPA.
- You need to raise your GPA for graduation, a specific major, or to be in good academic standing.
- A course is required for a post-graduate professional program (e.g., medical school) or a combined degree program (e.g., 3+2 engineering).

### S/SD/F grades may be a good option if:

- The shift to remote teaching and learning causes you to fear you would not perform as well as you would have in the regular format.
- You feel you are underperforming in one or more courses and are concerned about lowering your GPA.
- You have impediments to remote learning, such as inconsistent access to the internet.
- It is ok to maintain your current GPA (it is not necessary for you to raise it).

### Additional considerations

- Satisfactory/Satisfactory D (S/SD) grades will not impact your GPA one way or the other. F grades will impact your GPA.
- If you are considering graduate school, be sure to speak to your adviser about how S/SD/F grading may impact this decision.
- If you are on Satisfactory Academic Progress warning or probation for Financial Aid, be sure to consult the Financial Aid Office (**Finaid@FranklinCollege.edu**).
- Athletes must be in good academic standing to participate in the 2020-2021 academic year.

You should consult with your academic adviser and read the full Spring 2020 Alternative Grading Option Policy for Undergraduate Students prior to making your final decision.