

OT 5/5/20

**Update on S/U grades-review carefully with deadlines approaching**

I have contacted the 34 Texas healthcare programs I work with to explain that Texas A&M students have the option to choose grades or satisfactory/unsatisfactory and inquire how their admissions offices and committees will view S/U grades. I appreciate your patience, as programs have been and may still be deliberating. You may see guidance on program websites.

**The following applies to students who plan to apply to OT school.**

1. **6 of the 10 Texas OT programs will not accept S/U on prerequisite coursework** and/or will not accept S/U from universities, such as TAMU, where students have the choice between grades or S/U. The program websites usually state the minimum grade required for prerequisite coursework.
2. **Non-prerequisite coursework-not all schools are confirmed on non-prerequisite coursework.** At least one TX program would like to see all coursework taken for a grade, especially upper-level degree requirements. *Remember S/U coursework is not included in your GPAs, which may work against you.*
3. Keeping as many prerequisite and non-prerequisite courses graded as possible allows you to be the most competitive and gives you the opportunity to apply to the most programs. Check program requirements on program websites.
4. If you choose S/U, then you may be asked about your performance in the course, during the application process. I highly encourage you to keep track of your grade in the course(s) for your own records, reflect on how you are doing overall, the learning process, COVID-19 has affected you, etc. Be prepared to discuss it.
5. If you are planning to graduate with Latin Honors (*cum laude, magna cum laude, summa cum laude*), then be sure you have enough grade hours before you consider S/U. See [Student rule 15](#) for requirements.
6. Ultimately, the decision is yours, and you must be okay with it by
  - **6pm on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for degree candidates** and
  - **12pm on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> for all other students.**
7. Continue to check program websites of the schools you want to apply to for updates. Be flexible because information is changing daily, and could have changed since I received the information from them. Reach out to programs, if you have specific questions.