

PT 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. PTCAS' general recommendation at www.ptcas.org/COVID-19/. 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 PT school.

1. **7 of the 15 Texas PT 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**-some programs would like to see all coursework taken for a grade, especially upper-level degree requirements. Consideration may be given for spring 2020. *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 PTCAS/websites, prior to making decisions.
4. If you choose S/U, then expect to 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 7th for degree candidates** and
 - **12pm on Tuesday, May 12th 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.