

FAQs on S/U Option in Semester 2 AY2019-20

[Note: This advisory is not applicable to LKCMedicine and NIE students. These students should approach their School/NIE separately.]

1. What is S/U option?

The S/U option allows a student to take a course on an 'ungraded' basis. A course will be indicated as 'S' (Satisfactory) if the final letter grade obtained is a 'D' or better. Conversely, it will be indicated as 'U' (Unsatisfactory) if the grade obtained is 'F'. You will receive AU towards your degree only if you attain an 'S' (Satisfactory) grade. You earn no AU for courses with a 'U' grade. The 'S' or 'U' notations carry no grade point and hence have no effect on the CGPA and the classification of degree. The S/U option aims to encourage students to focus on exploring courses beyond their core disciplinary studies without undue concern that their GPA would be adversely affected.

2. What is the concession given for S/U Option in Semester 2 AY2019-20?

Under current policy, the S/U option is only applicable to GER PE and UE courses. As a one-off arrangement for courses taken in Semester 2 AY2019-20, the S/U option is extended to Core, Major PE and GER Core courses, with the exception of Final Year Project (FYP) which is a capstone project.

The courses opted S/U in Semester 2 AY2019-20 will not be counted towards the quota for S/U.

3. Will courses that I declare as S/U in Semester 2 AY2019-20 count towards the requirements for specialisation, second major or minor programme?

Yes, courses that you declare as S/U in Semester 2 AY2019-20 will count towards the requirements for the award of specialisation, second major or minor programme.

4. I am an inbound exchange/non-graduating student. Is the S/U option concession applicable to me?

The S/U option concession is not applicable to exchange/non-graduating students.

5. Does the S/U concession apply to students in part-time degree programmes?

Yes, it applies to students in part-time degree programmes.

6. Can I declare S/U in Semester 2 AY2019-20 if I have already fully utilised my quota?

Yes, you may. The S/U option that you exercise in Semester 2 AY2019-20 would not be counted toward the quota. If you have made any declaration in Semester 2 AY2019-20 before the announcement on 25 March 2020, the quota will be returned to you.

7. What is the deadline for S/U declaration for Semester 2 AY2019-20?

The S/U declaration period remains unchanged and will end on 12 May 2020, 10.00pm for Semester 2 AY2019-20. The prevailing procedure for S/U option declaration remains.

(The system currently only allows you to exercise the S/U option for GER PE and UE. You will be informed at a later date when the system is ready for you to exercise the special concession for S/U.)

8. What are the courses I can opt for S/U in Semester 2 AY2019-20?

All letter graded courses in Semester 2 AY2019-20 with the exception of Final Year Project (FYP).

9. Would I be able to graduate if I do not meet the graduation requirement of minimum number of graded AU?

You will still have to meet the minimum AU of graded courses required for graduation.

The minimum AU of graded courses obtained from NTU for all students regardless of course type is given below.

Programme	Minimum AU of Graded Courses Obtained from NTU
3-year programmes	52 AU
4-year programmes - For students admitted to Yr 1 - For students admitted directly to Yr 2	69 AU 69 AU

If you are an Engineering student, there is an additional requirement of minimum AU of graded Core Courses and Major Prescribed Electives. Please refer to [AUS Handbook](#) of your admission year for the number of graded AU you need to fulfil.

10. If I obtain Unsatisfactory grade for a course that I opted S/U in Semester 2 AY2019-20, would the S/U option be carried forward when I retake it in a future semester?

No. If you repeat a course for which you had exercised the S/U option, this S/U option would not be carried forward. The prevailing policy for S/U option would apply when you repeat the course, and you would have to make the declaration again if you wish to opt S/U for the repeat course taken as GER PE or UE, and this will be counted towards the quota. You would not be able to exercise the S/U option if the repeat course is taken as Core, Major PE or GER Core.

11. Will my academic standing in Semester 2 AY2019-20 change if I opt for S/U for all my letter-graded courses?

No. Your academic standing would remain as the previous Semester's if you do not have letter graded courses in Semester2 AY2019-20.

12. In view of the concession in S/U option, are there any changes to the criteria for Dean's List?

The prevailing eligibility for Dean's List remains unchanged.

For more information on undergraduate academic matters, please refer to [AUS Handbook](#).