



REPUBLIC OF TURKEY  
YAŞAR UNIVERSITY RECTOR'S OFFICE

**Flexible Grading System**

As per the decision made by the Senate of the University on September 24, 2020, Flexible Grading System (FGS) will be implemented based on our students' requests for associate degree and undergraduate degree programs during the 2020-2021 Fall Semester.

**Students using the Flexible Grading System (FGS) in the 2020-2021 Academic Year will not be entitled to apply for major/minor degree programs, Academic Success Scholarship, and not be included in graduation ranking.**

The Flexible Grading System is explained in the form of Q&A as follows.

**1. What is Flexible Grading System?**

FGS is a system where pass and fail letter grades are converted into satisfactory/unsatisfactory letter grades. As per this system, written requests can be submitted by associate degree and undergraduate degree students for conversion of their B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+ and D grades, excluding "A" and "A-" grades, into "S (Satisfactory)" grade and the "F" grade into "U (Unsatisfactory)" grade after the letter grades scored in the courses during the 2020-2021 Fall/Spring Semester have been announced. These requests can be made by February 9-12, 2021 for the Fall Semester and by June 22-25, 2021 for the Spring Semester.

**2. What do the S and U grades mean?**

In associate degree and undergraduate degree programs, the grade D and higher grades correspond to the grade "S" (Satisfactory) while the grade "F" corresponds to the grade "U" (Unsatisfactory).

The grade NA (Non-attendance/Fail) will not apply to the 2020-2021 Fall Semester.

**3. How are the S/U grades calculated in the FGS?**

Since the multiplier coefficient for the grades S and U is "0", they do not affect the semester or overall GPA.

The grade "S" is included in graduation credit (120 ECTS for associate degree and 240 ECTS for undergraduate degree).

4. **Are we free to retain the letter grades in some of the courses we choose and to convert them into S/U in the rest of our courses? Is there any requirement or condition that should be fulfilled to do so?**

You are entitled to submitting your request of conversion into the S/U grades for each of the courses you are enrolled in separately during the 2020-2021 Fall/Spring Semester and without any requirement for permission/approval.

5. **Can the conversion of a letter grade into S/U upon student request be undone?**

No. There is only one chance for one course to convert its grade form. Such requests will not be accepted in other semesters.

6. **Does the FGS still apply to applied courses such as studio, graduation projects, etc.?**

Yes. The FGS applies to all of the courses where letter grades are used for grading.

7. **Can we submit a request for conversion into the FGS grades prior to the announcement of the final grades?**

No. You can make this request only after the announcement of the final grades. Further announcement will be made to inform about the FGS Application System in detail.

8. **Can we prefer the grade S/U in the courses that we have been enrolled to raise our overall grades? How would my GPA be affected by it?**

Yes, you can prefer. The latest grade that you have scored (S/U) will be valid in this case. You can use the Transcript Scenario option on your OBS account (***this option on OBS will be activated at the end of the semester***) to calculate what impact the grades "S/U" would have on your overall grade point average.

9. **In the case of a course listed in the major program's transcript that is also listed separately in the double major transcript, can I prefer the grade S/U or the letter grade for either one of them?**

No. Such courses are indicated with the grade "T" (Transfer) in the double major program's transcript.

10. **Will my GPA stay the same if all of my courses are graded in "S"?**

You can calculate how your GPA would be affected by the grade S by using the Transcript Scenario calculator on your OBS account.

11. **If the existing grading system for a course is in S/U, can we still apply for conversion into a letter grade?**

No. These courses are already graded in S/U as per the regulations/directives/curriculum in place.

**12. Will the course/courses graded as “S” be counted in the graduation course credit?**

Such courses will be counted in the graduation course credit.

**13. Can we graduate if there is a course graded the grade “U”?**

No. The grade “U” indicates a fail grade just like the grades “F” and “NA”. You are therefore required to pass the course first.

**14. Can we apply for Single Course Exam with a course graded with “U”?**

Yes. You can apply.

**15. Can we apply for Single Course Exam with a course graded with the letter grade “NA”?**

If you have a grade in NA, you cannot apply for Single Course Exam.

**16. For a student that has just enrolled in courses for the first time in the 2020-2021 Fall or Spring Semester, how will GPA be calculated if that particular student has all the courses converted into the S/U system? How will the status (probational/pass) of that student be determined?**

A student who has just started enrolling in courses for the first time in the 2020-2021 Fall and/or Spring Semester and whose all courses are graded in S/U will be deemed as a student that has transferred all of the courses if s/he is not enrolled in any other course transferred. GPA is not calculated for that student for the relevant semester. GPA is calculated based on the letter grades that s/he will score during future semesters.

**17. For a student that has been registered for at least two semesters or more as of the 2020-2021 Fall and/or Spring Semester, how will GPA be calculated if that particular student has all the courses converted into the S/U system? How will the status (probational/pass) of that student be determined?**

For a student that has been registered for at least two semesters or more and all of whose courses are graded in S/U as of the 2020-2021 Fall and/or Spring Semester, GPA for the fall/spring semesters is not calculated but the course credits remain valid. The GPA from the previous semester remain unchanged.

**18. Which one of the GPAs be used to determine the status as “probational” and/or “pass” if I freeze my registration during the 2020-2021 Fall and/or Spring Semester?**

If you freeze your registration during the 2020-2021 Fall and/or Spring Semester and re-register in the next semester, you will continue in the status and with the GPA that you left off during the last semester that you completed.

**19. How can I submit my FGS request?**

You can apply through the FGS Application system between February 9-12, 2021. You will be informed in detail about the application process during the following days.

**20. How will the assessment be made for the Academic Success Scholarship?**

As of the 2020-2021 Academic Year, students with FGS grade will not be included in the student ranking for the Academic Success Scholarship.

**21. How will graduation grades and ranking be determined?**

As of the 2020-2021 Academic Year, students with FGS grade will not be included in graduation degree and ranking.