



**REPUBLIC OF TURKEY  
YAŞAR UNIVERSITY RECTOR'S OFFICE**

**Flexible Grading System**

As per the decision made by the Senate of the University on April 10, 2020, Flexible Grading System (FGS) will be implemented based on our students requests at associate degree, undergraduate and graduate degree programs only during the 2019-2020 Spring Semester.

The Flexible Grading System is explained in the form of Q&A as follows. The FGS Announcement has been updated with additional four questions, which are questions 25, 26, 27, and 28.

**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, a written request may be submitted by associate degree and undergraduate degree students to convert their A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+ and D grades excluding "A" grade into "S (Satisfactory)" grade and the "F" grade into "U (Unsatisfactory)" grade after the letter grades scored in the courses during the 2019-2020 Spring Semester are announced.

Students in the graduate degree programs can also submit their requests to convert their A-, B+, B and B- grades excluding "A" grade into "S" grade and their C+, C, C-, D+ D and F grades into "U" grade after the letter grades scored in the courses during the 2019-2020 Spring Semester are announced.

**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 2019-2020 Spring Semester.

In the graduate degree programs, the grade B- and higher grades correspond to the grade "S" (Satisfactory) while the grade C+ and lower grades correspond to the grade "U" (Unsatisfactory).

**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.

However, the grade "S" is included in the graduation course credits (Associate degree 120 ECTS, Undergraduate degree 240 ECTS, Master's degree without thesis study 90 ECTS, Master's degree with thesis study 120 ECTS, Doctoral/Proficiency in Art degrees 240 ECTS).

- 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 for only once during the 2019-2020 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. You have only one chance for each 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.?**

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

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

No. You may submit your request only after the announcement of the final grades.

- 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. 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 a course is listed both in the major program's transcript and in the double major/minor transcript, can I prefer the grade S/U or the letter grade for either of them?**

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

- 10. Will my GPA remain the same if all of my courses are graded as "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 S/U, can we still apply for conversion into a letter grade?**

No. These courses are already graded as 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?**

Yes, they will.

**13. Can we graduate if there is a course graded “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.

The grade U indicates a fail grade just like the grade C+ and the lower grades in graduate degree programs. 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.

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

The grade NA will not be already be used during the 2019-2020 Spring Semester; however, you cannot apply for the Single Course Exam if the relevant course from previous semesters have already been graded the grade NA.

**16. Can we add new courses during this process?**

No, you cannot add new courses.

**17. For a student that has just enrolled in courses for the first time in the 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 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.

**18. For a student that has been registered for at least two semesters or more as of the 2019-2020 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, GPA for the Spring Semester is not calculated but the course credits remain valid. The GPA for the 2019-2020 Fall Semester will be accepted as the GPA for the Spring Semester.

**19. Will the “probational” and “satisfactory” status be used during the next academic year?**

Yes, it will be used and the existing rules will remain the same. Your status for the next academic year will be determined based on your latest GPA if you have already requested transfer to the FGS grading system.

**20. Which one of the GPAs will be used to determine the status as “probational” and/or “satisfactory” if I freeze my registration during the 2019-2020 Spring Semester?**

If you freeze your registration during this semester, you will resume with the status that you are in and the GPA that you have at the beginning of this semester (Spring Semester).

**21. How can I submit my request for grading transfer?**

You will be informed in detail about how to submit your requests during the following days.

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

This assessment will be based on the **2019-2020 Spring Semester** GPAs just before the transfer of letter grades into S/U grades.

**23. How will continuation of the scholarships granted for the master’s degree programs be decided?**

The decision concerning the continuation of these scholarships will be made based on the GPAs assessed as of the end of the 2nd semester and at the end of every semester (a minimum GPA of 3.20) and based on the **2019-2020 Spring Semester** GPAs just before the transfer of letter into S/U grades.

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

The graduation grades and ranking will be determined based on the **2019-2020 Spring Semester** GPAs just before the transfer of letter grades into S/U grades.

**25. It was announced that the assessments for the 2019-2020 “Academic Success Scholarship” will be based on the letter grades preceding the FGS. Will the assessments be based on the GPAs that have been calculated after the FGS implemented in the coming years?**

YES. The assessments for “Academic Success Scholarship”, starting from the 2020-2021 Academic Year and the succeeding academic years, will be based on your GPAs calculated after the FGS implemented.

**26. It was announced that the graduation grades and the rankings for the 2019-2020 Academic Year will be determined based on the grades preceding the FGS. Will the assessments be based on the GPAs that have been calculated after the FGS implemented in the coming years?**

Yes. The graduation grades and the rankings , starting from the 2020-2021 Academic Year and the succeeding academic years, will be based on your GPAs calculated after the FGS implemented.

**27. I have made a request for Course Withdraw for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester and my request has been confirmed. I have changed my mind following the announcement on the FGS. Can I undo my request and re-enroll in that course?**

Yes. You can make a request for undoing your previous request to withdraw from a course. Such requests can only be made for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester. However, you cannot request any compensation for the classes and tests such as homework, exam, etc. administered as part of the relevant course during the lag time, i.e., the intermittent time between course withdrawal and re-enrollment.

**28. I made a request to “Freeze Registration” during the 2019-2020 Academic Year and my request has been confirmed. I have changed my mind following the announcement on the FGS. Can I undo this request that I made so I can resume with the courses I have been enrolled in?**

Yes. You can make a request for undoing your previous request to freeze your registration. Such requests can only be made for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester. However, you cannot request any compensation for the classes and tests such as homework, exam, etc. administered during the lag time, i.e., the intermittent time between freezing registration and re-enrollment.