A GUIDE TO S/U OPTIONS

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What is S/U Options?

A **grade-free scheme** that gives you the option to S/U to **exclude a letter grade** from your transcript and in the computation of your CAP.

How does it work?

By applying S/U to a module, the module will be excluded from the calculations of your CAP.
However, modular credits will only be awarded if an 'S' grade is obtained.

- (i.e. if you attain a 'U' grade it will be as though you never did the module and the module would not be counted towards graduation requirements.)

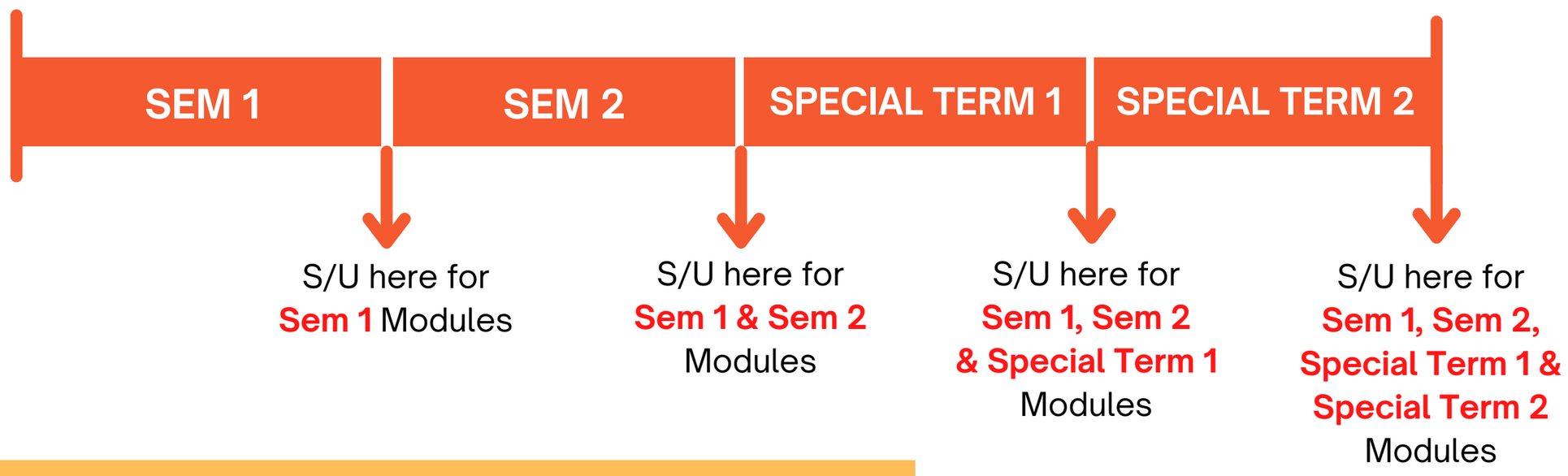
Letter Grade	A+/A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	D+	D	F
Grade Point	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.0	0
Modular Credits	Awarded									Not Awarded
With S/U	Satisfactory									Unsatisfactory

When can S/U options be declared?

Eligible undergraduates can exercise S/U options on **all eligible modules in the current academic year** at **any of the four S/U declaration exercises** throughout the academic year.

- (e.g. At the end of AY2023/24 Semester 1, students can choose not to exercise S/U options on eligible modules read in AY2023/24 Semester 1, if they do not need to do so. Students can still exercise S/U options on eligible modules read in AY2023/24 Semester 1, at the end of Semester 2 or Special Term Part 1 and/or 2.)

S/U Declaration Timeline:



Note:
Students cannot amend or withdraw any S/U options exercised in previous semesters.

What can you S/U?

S/Us can be applied to most 1k and 2k modules without pre-requisites.
Please refer to NUSmods to check if the module you are taking can be applied S/U.

EXAMPLE:

Additional Information

- ✓ Included in Semester 1's Module Planning Exercise
- ✓ Included in Semester 2's Module Planning Exercise
- ✓ Has S/U option for Undergraduate students only
- ✓ SkillsFuture series

Where to access S/U options?

EDUREC → **ACADEMICS** → **EXAMINATIONS** → **SUBMIT S/U DECLARATION**

Useful Links:

For more info on S/U policy:
https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/academics/ug/su-homepage.html
Regarding any enquiries:
sudeclaration@nus.edu.sg

An overview on S/U options:

How many modules can you S/U?	Total MCs	After Year 1
Newly admitted undergraduates	32 MCs (8 modules)	Up to 12 MCs (3 modules)
Undergraduates granted 20 APCs (advanced placement credits)	20 MCs (5 modules)	Up to 12 MCs (3 modules)
Undergraduates who have studied previously in another university	12 MCs (3 modules)	Up to 12 MCs (3 modules)
Undergraduates with prior university degree	NA	NA

CALCULATING YOUR CAP

$$\frac{\text{Sum of MCs x grade point of all modules}}{\text{Sum of MCs of all modules}}$$

Making use of your S/U options

Tip 1:

YOUR GOAL & STUDY PLAN IN NUS

1. Keep in mind **the CAP you wish to achieve at the end of your studies** and the impact of your S/U on your future CAP
2. Consider **the likelihood of getting poorer grades in the future** -- would you still have enough S/U options to reach your desired goal?
3. Consider your study plan -- **would you still have enough modules that are applicable to S/U in the future?**

DEGREE CLASSIFICATION	Honours (Highest Distinction)	Honours (Distinction)	Honours (Merit)	Honours	Pass
CAP	4.50 & above	4.00 to 4.49	3.50 to 3.99	3.00 to 3.49	2.00 to 2.99

Tip 2:

MORE S/US USED = MORE VOLATILE CAP

By applying S/U to more modules, your future results will have **a larger influence on your CAP**. This could result in a more volatile CAP! Although the future may be uncertain, do plan your studies well and make use of your S/U options wisely to maximise its benefits!

U GRADE VS F GRADE

GRADE	MCs Counted?	Computed to CAP?
F	No	Yes
U	No	No

Hence, in case of a 'F' grade you should S/U the module so that it won't be counted towards your CAP.

S/U options - Example

Module	MCs	Letter Grade	Grade Point
MNO1706	4	A	5.0
GEA1000	4	B+	4.0
GEX1005	4	D+	1.5
ACC1701	4	B	3.5
BSP2701	2	B+	4.0

Calculating your CAP

Initial CAP

$$\frac{(5.0\times4+4.0\times4+1.5\times4+3.5\times4+4.0\times2)}{(4\times4+2)} = 3.56$$

Assuming the student decides to apply S/U to modules GEX1005 and ACC1701,

New CAP

$$\frac{(5.0\times4+4.0\times4+4.0\times2)}{(2\times4+2)} = 4.4$$

Ultimately, The S/U option is meant **to help you adjust to university life.**
Consistent hard work is still required to achieve your desired CAP!
The S/U option gives you an opportunity to **try out new and interesting modules** without affecting your CAP, so don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone!