Dear CMU Students,

In order to ease some of the stress associated with course grades (for both students and faculty) during our disrupted semester, Colorado Mesa University is installing a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (often known as pass-fail) grade option. You can find the full details of the option, as well as a FAQ, on our COVID-19 pages. Here are the broad outlines of how it will work:

1. After grades have posted, the CMU Registrar’s Office will provide you the ability—via a link to an electronic form—to select Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) as a grading option for your courses.
2. S/U grades will have no effect, positive or negative, on your institutional GPA or your financial aid eligibility.
3. You will need to think through your options for each course based on guidance we will provide in the electronic form, consultations with faculty, and discussions with your advisors.

While the mechanics of the process are fairly straightforward, each student’s situation may add some complexity to the decision-making process. Please consider your options carefully in the coming weeks. While we want you to feel more free in this new learning environment, we also want you to be confident in your ability to succeed. Being aware of how your grade choices can best help you academically will be an important part of choosing between standard grades and S/U.

The following link contains the information in this e-mail as well as detailed information about Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grade options:

https://www.coloradomesa.edu/alerts/covid-19/q-a/grade-options.html

Best,
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