

**EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY**  
**GRADE SYSTEM (CS/CU) TO BE APPLIED DURING THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC**  
**YEAR SPRING SEMESTER**



**APRIL – 2020**

## **AIM:**

During the COVID - 19 pandemic process we are currently experiencing, there is a possibility that students experience grievance both due to the psychological trauma brought by the situation and technical difficulties related to the courses we have to conduct online, which is different from our usual educational system.

In order to prevent or minimize such problems that may arise, various universities have decided to implement the SATISFACTORY / UNSATISFACTORY (CS / CU) grading system only to be valid during this period. Universities are implementing different versions of the SATISFACTORY / UNSATISFACTORY (CS / CU) system with a consideration of their specific conditions and possibilities. Although inter-university practices vary, the basic principle is to eliminate student suffering or reduce them to the lowest possible level. The purpose of the system introduced in this study is to determine the rules and practices that will form the basis for the SATISFACTORY / UNSATISFACTORY (CS / CU) system to be implemented in our university with a consideration of the specific conditions and possibilities of EMU.

## **SCOPE:**

The SATISFACTORY / UNSATISFACTORY (CS / CU) grading system planned to be implemented in our university includes the courses offered in all associate, undergraduate and graduate programs (excluding joint programs) conducted in EMU.

## **PROCESS TO BE CARRIED OUT AND BASIC PRINCIPLES**

### **1. Letter Grade Systems to be Employed**

In this system, students can either receive one of the grades of F, D–, D, D +, C–, C, C +, B–, B, B +, A– and A (Letter Grade System) for a course or they will only be able to get one of the CS and CU notes (CS / CU system) through which pass/fail is determined. Students can decide on the number of their existing courses to be evaluated with the system they prefer and submit their request, accordingly.

### **2. Letter Grades' Equivalents in the CS/CU System According to Programs**

- a) Courses in Associate and Undergraduate Programs,
  - i. The corresponding grade for D, D+, C–, C, C+, B–, B, B+, A– and A letter grades is **CS**,
  - ii. The corresponding grade for F and D– letter grades is **CU**.

- b) Courses in Master's Programs;
  - i. The corresponding grade for C, C+, B-, B, B+, A- and A letter grades is **CS**,
  - ii. The corresponding grade for F, D-, D, D+, C-, letter grades is **CU**.
- c) Courses in PhD Programs;
  - i. The corresponding grade for B, B+, A- and A letter grades is **CS**,
  - ii. The corresponding grade for F, D-, D, D+, C-, C, C+, B-, letter grades is **CU**.
- d) In all programs;
  - i. The corresponding grade for W is **CW**,
  - ii. The corresponding grade for I is **CI**.

### **3. Conversion of the Letter Grades of Courses into the CS / CU System**

A student who wants to convert the letter grade from a course into the CS / CU system should first wait for the letter grade to be assigned. The student whose letter grade has been determined has the right to request to convert the standard letter grade to CS / CU only for once within the specified calendar, without the need for permission / approval.

### **4. Right to Change a Grade for the Second Time**

A course grade already converted into the CS / CU system upon student request cannot be converted back to the letter grade system upon the demand of the same student. However, in special circumstances, such changes can be made with the decision of the Faculty Board.

### **5. Right to Course Withdrawal**

During the 2019-2020 Spring Semester, students can withdraw from all registered credit or non-credit courses (including repeated courses) by 11.59 p.m. until 12 June, 2020, before the start of the final exams of the semester in question. Students who have withdrawn from a course in this way cannot ask for a refund.

- a) A student who has withdrawn from a course taken for the first time is assigned a CW grade.
- b) A student who has withdrawn from a repeated course is assigned the last grade received from the course in question.

## **6. The Effect of CS / CU Grades on Averages**

- a) In courses evaluated as CS, this grade is treated like an 'S' grade in the current system and is not included in CGPA.
- b) Regarding CU grades (the course has to be repeated);
  - i. For courses taken for the first time, it is treated like U grade in the current system and is not included in CGPA calculation.
  - ii. For repeated courses, the CGPA is calculated with the last letter grade obtained by the student in the same course.
- c) CGPAs of all students are calculated for the 2019 - 2020 Spring Semester. GPAs of the students who have at least one letter grade assigned in the spring semester according to the letter grade system are calculated. However, students who are below the normal course load and have a grade assigned according to the letter grade system cannot benefit from their GPA rights even if their GPA has been calculated. The CS / CU grades obtained from courses taken above the normal course load do not prevent the student from being an Honor or High Honor student and do not change their ranking.

## **7. Students at their First Semester**

The CGPA of a student who has requested a CS / CU grade from all courses in the first semester cannot be calculated. The courses from which the student has received a CS grade are the courses in which the student has become successful and the courses from which the student has received a CU grade are the failed courses and must be repeated.

## **8. Common Courses in Major, Double Major and Minor Programs**

For common courses appearing in major, double major and minor programs, different grade systems cannot be used.

## **9. Projects and Internship Courses with Credits**

Projects and Internship Courses with credits are included in this system. In these courses, students can choose the letter grade system in which they want to be evaluated.

## **10. Appearance of CS, CU, CI and CW Grades on Transcripts**

The CS, CU, CI and CW grades used in this period are included in transcripts and explained as footnotes.

## **GENERAL RULES**

1. The actual term of a student at the end of the 2019 - 2020 Spring Semester will be the actual term at the end of the 2019 - 2020 Fall Semester.
2. By applying to the Institute for Graduate Studies and Research, students at doctorate programs can request that the actual term at the end of the 2019 - 2020 Spring Semester not be converted into the term at the end of the 2019 -2020 Fall Semester.
3. Students who are at the graduation phase at the end of the 2019 - 2020 Spring Semester and who have received a disciplinary penalty but have not been able to fulfill their social responsibility obligations due to Covid - 19 are deemed to have fulfilled these obligations.

## **CALENDAR PERTAINING TO THE SYSTEM**

1. Deadline for course withdrawal is 11.59 p.m. , Friday, 12 June 2020.
2. The application period for converting students' Letter Grades into CS / CU system is between 7 July and 14 September, 2020.

## **TEMPORARY ARTICLE**

1. Regarding courses appearing in associate and undergraduate programs, the Faculty / School councils have full authority for subjects not specified or clearly specified here or for subjects for which an application could not be made due to a valid reason.
2. Regarding courses appearing in graduate programs, Director of the Institute for Graduate Studies and Research and/or the Institute Council have full authority for subjects not specified or clearly specified here or for subjects for which an application could not be made due to a valid reason.