

**Southern Illinois University
School of Law**

Rule for Limited S/U Grading at Instructor's Option

[Rule III.1(d)(ii); excerpted from
School of Law Rules for AY 2017–18]

ARTICLE III - ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

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1. Grades and Grading System

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(d) Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grading. . . .

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(ii) Limited S/U Grading at Instructor's Option. [amended 5/5/11] In non-required courses with the exception of Independent Research and Writing, an instructor may, but is not required to, allow a specified number of students, not to exceed five, to register for S/U grading, even though the remainder of the students in the course will be graded on the scale described in subsection (a). The instructor must inform the Registrar and Associate Dean of the instructor's election of this option at least one week prior to the beginning of the registration period for the course. A student may not elect S/U grading under this subsection (d)(ii) if:

- (A) the student is taking the course in partial satisfaction of the Academic Advising Menu (Substance) or the Academic Advising Menu (Skills); or
- (B) the student has not successfully completed at least 32 hours of credit prior to the semester in which the course is offered.

A student may not receive more than six hours of credit for courses with S/U grading under this subsection (d)(ii). If an instructor allows students to register for a course under this subsection (d)(ii), the students taking the course for S/U grading shall not be identified in any examination or other assessment and are to be evaluated by the instructor according to the grading scale described in subsection (a). After the instructor has

submitted final course grades calculated on the scale described in subsection (a), the Registrar shall convert the grades of students who have elected S/U grading under this subsection (d)(ii) according to the following scale:

2.1 or greater	=	Satisfactory
below 2.1	=	Unsatisfactory

In determining whether the median grade for any such course complies with the requirements of subsection (b) and whether the distribution of grades conforms to the expectations of subsection (c), such determinations shall be made prior to the conversion of any grades on the scale described in subsection (a) to S/U grading and shall be made based on the grades of all law students enrolled in the course, including students taking it for S/U credit.