The basic entry requirements for graduate degree candidates include the completion of a baccalaureate degree and whatever other evidence of the applicant's potential to complete graduate studies may be required by the particular program. Rare exceptions to the baccalaureate requirement can be made in the case of candidates who have demonstrated unusual competence in their field of specialization. For these exceptions the recommendation of the department chairperson or director and the approval of the appropriate dean and Dean of Graduate Studies on behalf of Graduate Council are required. The Dean of Graduate Studies shall report such waivers to Graduate Council on an annual basis. The department chairperson or director shall keep the Dean of Graduate Studies informed on the academic standing of a student admitted with a waived baccalaureate requirement.
Satisfactory (graduate) - A satisfactory grade at the graduate level may only apply to seminar, cooperative work experience, and internship courses where programs have determined that a traditional alpha system letter grade is inappropriate. An "S" grade at the graduate level carries no quality points and therefore does not enter into a GPA calculation. A student may receive a grade of "U" or "I" in an "S" graded course. In this case, a "U" grade carries no credit and the course must be repeated. No more than 15% of a program’s degree credits may be "S" graded courses. The college’s Curriculum Committee must approve the use of an "S" grade in a course.