1. **What is the lowest grade I can receive and still receive a Passed?**
   Undergraduate students who take a course on a Pass/No Pass (P/NP) basis must achieve a grade of C or better to receive a Passed grade in order to satisfy a degree requirement and to earn unit credit. Students with a grade of C- or lower will receive a Not Passed and will not earn unit credit.

   Note that there may be cases in which it is more beneficial for students to retain letter grading because a Letter Grade of C- or lower may satisfy degree requirements. Please see details on the Neuroscience Major and Minor at the end of this FAQ.

2. **What advantages do I have if I keep my course as a Letter Grade?**
   Students who take a course for a Letter Grade will receive unit credit if they receive any grade higher than a F. However, students who choose to take the course P/NP must achieve at least a grade of a C to receive a P and earn unit credit. Therefore, the threshold for receiving unit credit is actually lower for undergraduate students taking a course for a Letter Grade than for those taking courses on a P/NP basis.

3. **What if I change my grading basis to Passed/Not Passed for a course and earn a grade of C- or lower?**
   Per UCLA regulation, you will receive a Not Passed grade, will not earn unit credit for the course, and cannot use the course to satisfy any UCLA requirement.

4. **How many Passed grades can I use to satisfy my Neuroscience Major or Minor requirements for Summer 2021?**
   Normally zero, but for courses taken specifically in Spring 2021 or Summer 2021, there is a limit of up to 1 course taken Pass/No Pass (for students in good academic standing). For continuing students (in good academic standing), there is a limit of up to 2 courses taken Pass/No Pass if you have not taken a Pass/No Pass course in the previous term (i.e., Winter 2021 [for the spring term], Spring 2021 [for the summer term], or the last enrolled regular term). Summer 2021 is considered one term, so this rule applies to all of Summer Sessions.

5. **How will my GPA be affected by a Passed or Not Passed grade?**
   Passed/Not Passed outcomes will not have an impact on your GPA; they will not lower your GPA, nor will they raise your GPA.

6. **When is the last day in each session that I can change my grading basis for Summer 2021 courses?**
   For Summer Session A (June 21st – July 30th), students can change the grading basis for courses through Friday of Week 5 of the course (July 23rd) without petition via MyUCLA.

   For Summer Session C (August 2nd – September 10th), students can change the grading basis for courses through Friday of Week 5 of the course (September 3rd) without petition via MyUCLA.

   For alternate Summer Session schedules, you can find grading basis deadlines at this link: https://summer.ucla.edu/academiccourses/uclastudent/policies.

7. **What if I want to change my grading basis AFTER week 5 of each session?**
   Changing the grading basis after week 5 will require a petition to your College Counseling unit, which may or may not be approved (https://cac.ucla.edu/petitions-forms/study-list-petitions/#tab-id-4).
8. **What if I want to create a College or departmental honors contract for one of my Summer courses?**

Students who take an honors course or create a College Honors contract (NEUROSC 189HC) / departmental honors contract (for a Neuroscience core or elective course) / departmental honors research contract (NEUROSC 198AB) must take the course for a letter grade in order to earn the College or departmental honors credit. Students must earn a minimum of a “B” grade and meet the terms of the contract to receive honors credit.

9. **How do medical schools and/or graduate schools view Passed/Not Passed grades?**

It is currently unclear how medical schools and various graduate programs will view Passed grades. Some schools have announced that they will accept Passed grades received during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please consult with the individual graduate/medical programs directly for more information about their policies. At this point, we’ve been informed that law schools will calculate a No Passed grade as an F for admission purposes, but a Passed will not affect the GPA for admission purposes.

10. **If I take my courses for a letter grade, what are the minimum grades required for the Neuroscience Major and Minor?**

Please note that when deciding whether letter grading or the P/NP option is best for you, keep in mind that a C or better will result in a Passed grade and a C- or below will result in a Not Passed grade and cannot be used to satisfy any requirement. **However, as indicated below, the threshold for receiving a Passed is HIGHER than many of the minimum letter grades that are allowed for the Neuroscience Major and Minor.**

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**NEUROSCIENCE MAJOR**

**Prep for Major courses**
A grade of C- or better is required in the lower-division major requirements.

**Major courses**
A grade of D- or better is required in each upper-division course, with the exception of NEUROSC M101A which requires a C- or higher.
An overall grade point average of 2.00 (C) is required in the upper-division major courses.

If a student chooses Passed/Not Passed grading option for any of the Major requirements, the student must earn a C grade or better in order to receive a Passed. If a student chooses Passed/Not Passed grading and earns a C- or lower, the student will receive a Not Passed grade and will not earn any unit or Major credit for the course.

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**NEUROSCIENCE MINOR**

**Prep for Minor courses**
A grade of C- or better is required in the lower-division minor requirements.
To enter the Minor, students must have an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better and a 2.5 GPA in the requisite courses for Neuroscience M101A and M101B.

**Minor Courses**
A grade of D- or better is required in each Minor course. An overall grade point average of 2.00 (C) is required in the Minor.

If a student chooses Passed/Not Passed grading option for any of the Minor requirements, the student must earn a C grade or better in order to receive a Passed. If a student chooses Passed/Not Passed grading and earns a C- or lower, the student will receive a Not Passed grade and will not earn any unit or Minor credit for the course.