

Frequently Asked Questions: Summer 2021 Quarter Passed/Not Passed Grading Undergraduate Neuroscience IDP

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>).

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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.**

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.

NEUROSCIENCE MINOR

Prep for Minor courses

A grade of C- or better is required in the lower-division minor requirements.

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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.