

UCSC Undergraduate Grading Policies

	1	Undergraduates Entering UCSC Fall 2001 and After	2	Undergraduates Entering UCSC Fall 1997–Spring 2001
Enrollment	1	When students enroll, letter grading is the default. The P/NP option is available only to students in good academic standing.	2	When enrolling, students are required to choose either letter grading or Pass/No Pass grading.
	1 2	Students may change the grading option up to the 15th day of instruction.		
Withdrawal	1 2	After the last day to drop a course, students may withdraw from a course whether enrolled for a letter grade or for Pass/No Pass grading. The Academic and Administrative Calendar lists deadlines for withdrawing from a course.		
Grades	1 2	If enrolled in a course for a letter grade, students will receive a grade of A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, D, F, W (Withdraw), I (Incomplete), or IP (In Progress). If enrolled in a course for Pass/No Pass, students will receive a grade of P (Pass), NP (No Pass), W (Withdraw), I (Incomplete), or IP (In Progress). Note: Beginning fall 2001, NP grades will appear on official transcripts of all students, like all other grades.		
Evaluations	1 2	For each course in which credit is earned, whether letter graded or Pass/No Pass, all students will receive an evaluation. Evaluations are a permanent part of the academic record. All students may request transcripts either with or without evaluations.		
UCSC Grade Point Average	1	For all students, a UCSC GPA is calculated from UCSC courses, courses taken through the Education Abroad Program, and courses taken on another UC campus in an intercampus exchange program. The UCSC GPA is displayed on the official transcript. Courses taken through the Domestic Exchange Program and UC Extension are not calculated in the UC or the UCSC GPA.	2	Students who have received a letter grade in at least 2/3 of their credits attempted at UCSC have a UCSC GPA calculated and displayed on their official transcripts. Students who receive letter grades in fewer than 2/3 of their UCSC credits attempted are not eligible for UCSC GPA. Courses taken through the Domestic Exchange Program and UC Extension are not calculated in the UC or the UCSC GPA.
UC Grade Point Average	1 2	All students have a UC GPA calculated from courses taken for a letter grade at UCSC, at other UC campuses, and through the Education Abroad Program. The UC GPA is not on the official transcript but is available from the Student Portal when checking grades from a previous quarter. Your UC GPA must be at least 2.0 in order for you to graduate. Courses taken through the Domestic Exchange Program and UC Extension are not calculated in the UC or the UCSC GPA.		
Satisfying Requirements	1	Departments may require that some or all courses used to satisfy the major must be taken for a letter grade.		
	1 2	A course graded D or F cannot be used to satisfy a course prerequisite or to satisfy major or general education requirements. Credits earned with a D will not count toward satisfactory academic progress. Any course graded P is equivalent to a C or better and can be used to satisfy general education requirements and will count towards satisfactory academic progress.		
Incompletes	1 2	The notation I (Incomplete) may be assigned when work for a course is of passing quality but is not complete. Prior arrangements must be made with the instructor for a grade of I. To remove the Incomplete, the student must file a petition and the completed course work by the deadline on the last day of the following quarter. If an I is not removed by the deadline, it will lapse to F or NP, depending on the grading option in effect. The F and the NP will appear on official transcripts, along with the removal of incomplete notation.		
Repeats	1 2	Undergraduates may repeat courses in which they earn a D, F, or No Pass. Courses in which a D or F is earned may not be repeated on a Pass/No Pass basis. Courses in which a grade of No Pass is earned may be repeated on the same basis or for a letter grade. Students may only repeat a maximum of 15 credits for courses in which a grade of D or F was received. In computing the GPA for these repeats, only the grade and corresponding grade points earned the last time the course was taken will be used. After the 15-credit maximum is reached, the GPA will be based on all grades assigned and total credits attempted. To repeat a course more than once, consult with your college adviser. Credit is not awarded more than once for the same course, but the grade assigned each time the course is repeated will be permanently recorded on the official transcript.		
Graduation Requirements	1	No more than 25 percent of the UCSC credits applied toward graduation may be graded on a Pass/No Pass basis. This includes any credits completed in the Education Abroad Program or on another UC campus in an intercampus exchange program. Departments may require that some or all courses used to satisfy the major must be taken for a letter grade.	2	There is no limit on the number of credits graded Pass/No Pass which may be applied toward graduation.
	1 2	Students must complete all requirements for the major with a grade of P, C (2.0), or better. All undergraduates, regardless of when they entered UCSC, must meet the minimum UC GPA requirement of 2.0 in order to receive a degree from UCSC. See the section on <i>Catalog Rights</i> (page 5) regarding graduation requirements in effect for each student.		