

**Policy: Passing Grade for Academic Year 1 and 2**

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**POLICY STATEMENT**

Course grades are calculated using a 0-100-point scale. Final grades are assigned on a pass/fail basis for each course, where 72 is the minimum passing grade.

**SCOPE**

This policy applies to students in Academic Years 1 and 2

**REASON FOR POLICY**

This policy covers minimum passing grade for Academic Years 1 and 2.

**DEFINITIONS**

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**RESPONSIBLE PARTIES**

Course and Unit Directors  
Director of Assessment  
Assistant Dean Foundational Sciences Curriculum

**RELATED RESOURCES**

**CONTACTS**

Questions about this policy should be directed towards the Associate Dean for Curriculum and Medical Education, Office of Medical Education

### HISTORY

**Initial Effective Date:** August 1, 2022  
**Review Dates** (*review performed, no updates*): October 24, 2024  
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**Comments on Revision** (*if applicable*):

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### PROCEDURE STATEMENT

- The Director of Assessment reviews exam and course grades. Recommendations may be provided based on statistical analysis (SOP 1-004).
  - Any multiple-choice question with an item difficulty of less than 0.2 is automatically adjusted by adding a point to any student who answered the question incorrectly
  - A question of item difficulty between 0.2-0.4 is "flagged" for review by the Course/Unit Director
- Course/Unit Director reviews grades with the Assistant Dean of Foundational Science Curriculum and approves final grades.
- Final grade and standard deviation are calculated at the end of the unit or longitudinal course.
- Passing criteria for a unit or course is a score of 72 or above.
- When more than 5% of the class is below 72, grades are curved using -2SD as the new passing criteria.
  - The passing score in this situation is the score corresponding to a grade of -2SD, which is adjusted to 72 by adding the necessary points.
  - The same number of points are added to all students.
  - In cases where scores go above 100%, a mathematical compression will be done by the Director of Assessment.