

CALCULATING GRADE POINT AVERAGES

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FORMULA

There are two steps in figuring your grade point average (GPA):

Credit hours X grade = Quality points

The number used for a grade is standard:

A=4

B=3

C=2

D=1

F or WF=0

**Do not count grades or credit hours of I, IP, W, Pass (S), or Fail (U)*

GPA= $\frac{\text{Quality points}}{\text{Credit hours}}$

Why do you have to multiply your grade by credit hours, then divide by credit hours? It ensures that courses that have more credit hours (like a 3-hour course) count proportionately more than courses that have fewer credit hours (like a 1-hour course).

EXAMPLE: Semester GPA Computation

Class	Credit Hours	X	Grade	Quality Points
English	3	X	3 (B)	9
History	3	X	2 ©	6
Math	3	X	4 (A)	12
Chemistry	4	X	3 (B)	12
IDST	2	X	4 (A)	8
Wellness	1*	X	Pass*	N/A*
Totals	15			47

**Note: Because Wellness is graded pass/fail (satisfactory/unsatisfactory), it doesn't count in GPA. Don't include it in either the credit hour or quality point totals when figuring GPA.*

$\frac{\text{Quality points}}{\text{Credit hours}} = \text{GPA}$ So $\frac{47}{15} = 3.13 \text{ GPA}$

**WORKSHEET:
Calculate your own GPA**

Semester:

Class Credit hours X Grade = Quality points

Totals

CALCULATING CUMULATIVE GPA

Cumulative GPA= $\frac{\text{Total quality points from all semesters}}{\text{Total credit hours from all semesters}}$

ACADEMIC STANDING

A student is considered to be in good academic standing at GCSU when his or her institutional grade point average is at or above the following levels:

Freshman (0-29 hours)	1.75
Sophomore (30-59 hours)	2.00
Junior and Senior (60+ hours)	2.00
Graduation	2.00

TYPES OF GRADE POINT AVERAGES

Semester or Term Grade Point Average

Indicates how you did academically in a given semester. Students must log in to myCATS at the end of each semester to access this information.

Cumulative Grade Point Average

The grade point average of all coursework taken (except for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grades earned at GCSU). Many graduate and professional schools, and some schools to which you might transfer, look at your cumulative GPA when making admission decisions.

Institutional Grade Point Average

Institutional grade point average is the same as cumulative, except you only count the last time you take a course. So if you re-take a class, you deduct the previous attempts at that same class from both the Credit Hour and Quality Point columns.

HOPE Scholarship Grade Point Average

Students who are eligible to receive HOPE as entering freshmen may receive payment through the spring term or the term that they have attempted (not earned) at least 30 semester hours, whichever is reached first. All attempted hours and corresponding grades as shown on official transcripts are counted toward the HOPE cumulative GPA, including remedial study. Additionally, withdrawals are counted as attempted hours, even if there is no academic penalty. Any credit hours attempted or earned before high school graduation, and hours exempted by examination, do not count as hours attempted and are not included when calculating the HOPE cumulative GPA. Grades are also reviewed for continuation of the HOPE scholarship at the completion of every spring term and upon attempting 60 and 90 semester hours.

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