



Calculating the Undergraduate GPA

Responsible Official: Provost

Responsible Office: Registrar

Policy Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to stipulate what credit and grades are included in the GPA calculation.

Policy Statement

- The quality point values apply to the letter grades as follows:

Grade	Quality Points
A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
F	0.0
FN	0.0

- The following kinds of grades are not included when calculating any GPA:
 - P (Pass)
 - CR (Credit)
 - I (Incomplete)
 - Au (Audit)
 - W (Withdrawal)
 - WF (Withdrawal Failing)
 - NR (Not Reported)
- Grades and credits attempted or earned in the following are not included in any GPA:
 - remedial and developmental courses
 - courses from which the student withdrew in good standing
 - courses transferred to ETSU on or after August 1, 2015
- The overall GPA (includes all institutional and articulated transfer coursework, excluding pre-college level courses) is used to determine:

- required GPA for graduation
 - academic honors (Latin Honors)
 - athletics eligibility
- The overall combined GPA (Includes all institutional and articulated transfer coursework and includes pre-college level courses) is used to determine:
 - suspension and probation
 - financial aid eligibility
 - The institutional GPA (includes all institutional coursework excluding pre-college level courses) is used to determine Dean’s List.
 - ETSU follows prescribed state practices for calculating the GPA needed for continuing eligibility for the Tennessee Lottery Scholarship Program, which includes all courses taken after graduation from high school.

Authority: N/A

Definitions

N/A

Policy History

Effective Date: 1/22/19

Procedure (s)

How to Compute a GPA

The grade point average (GPA) equals the total of all quality points earned in all courses attempted, divided by the total number of credits attempted.

The grade point average (GPA) is computed as follows:

- Quality Points earned in a course x course credits = Quality Points for course
- Sum of quality points for all graded courses = Total Quality Points
- Total quality points divided by all credits attempted = GPA

Example:

Course	Grade	Credits		Quality Points		Quality Points for Course
ENGL 1010	B	3	x	3	=	9
CHEM 1030	A	4	x	4	=	16

HIST 2010	C	3	x	2	=	6
MATH 1530	C	3	x	2	=	6
CSCI 1100	A	3	x	4	=	12
Total		16				49

49 Quality Points divided by 16 credits = GPA of 3.06

The GPA calculations for majors and minors are based on grades earned in the courses that meet the requirements for the major and the minor.

Procedure History

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Related Form(s)

N/A

Scope and Applicability

Primary: Academics

Secondary: Students