

Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation Schedule



1 Purpose

To establish the method of calculation of a Student's Grade Point Average (GPA).

2 Scope

This schedule must be read in conjunction with the Assessment Procedure and is subordinate to it. This schedule applies to all Students and is also used for consideration of Medals and Awards With Distinction and should be read in conjunction with the Award Eligibility and Graduation Policy.

3 Schedule

3.1 Determination of Final Grades

Table 1 below shows the mapping of final mark to equivalent Final Grade and to Grade Point calculation.

Table 1: Determination of Final Grades

Final mark out of 100	Equivalent Final Grade	Grade Point
At least 85	High Distinction (HD)	7
At least 75 but less than 85	Distinction (A)	6
At least 65 but less than 75	Credit (B)	5
At least 50 but less than 65	Pass (C)	4
At least 50	Ungraded Pass (P)*	Not Applicable*
Less than 50	Fail (F, FNP, FNS, FNC, FLW)	1.5

*Only available within the non-stratified system in which a Grade of P does not contribute towards a Student's GPA.

3.2 Numerical Values of Grades

The current and historic codes and numerical values of Grades are provided in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Numerical Values of Grades

GPA on 7 point scale as used by USQ	7	6	5	4	3	1.5
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Equivalent GPA on the 4 scale	4	3.5	2.5	1.5	1	.5
2010 onwards	HD	A	B	C	D	F
Semester 2, 2007 to 2009	HD	A	B	C	LP	F
1994 to Semester 1, 2007	HD	A	B	C	D	F

3.3 Calculation of Grade Point Averages

1. The GPA may be:

1. cumulative GPA, calculated over all Courses undertaken within the Award Program;
2. calculated over a specified number of Courses or all Courses at or above a specified level; or
3. calculated over the Courses in an approved Major/Academic Plan.
4. for Medals and for With Distinction as per item 3.4 in this schedule.

2. The GPA can be expressed mathematically as:

3. The above calculation results in a number (GPA) between 1.5 and 7.

More information in relation to GPAs is available on the University website (refer link below).

Example 1:

Course	Grade	A Numerical value of Grade	X	B Number of Units	=	C Total
ABC1000	A	6	X	1	=	6
ABC1001	C	4	X	1	=	4
ABC1002	B	5	X	1	=	5
ABC1003	F	1.5	X	1	=	1.5
ABC1004	HD	7	X	2	=	14
ABC1005	A	6	X	2	=	12
TOTALS				8		42.5

Example 2:

		A	X	B	=	C
Course	Grade	Numerical value of Grade	X	Number of Units	=	Total
XYZ1000	A	6	X	1	=	6
XYZ1001	C	4	X	1	=	4
XYZ1002	B	5	X	1	=	5
XYZ1003	B	5	X	1	=	5
XYZ1004	HD	7	X	2	=	14
XYZ1005	A	6	X	2	=	12
TOTALS				8		46

3.4 Calculation of GPA for Medals and for With Distinction

The determination of eligible Courses to be included in the calculation of the GPA for Medals and for With Distinction is as follows:

1. A Course undertaken at the University and within the relevant Award Program.
2. A Course for which there has been a Transfer of Grade from an incomplete Award Program.
3. A Course from an Award Program that has been accredited to allow a Transfer of Grade from a completed Award Program to the Award Program in which the Student is enrolled.
4. The criteria for the relevant Courses will be determined via the applicable specification for the rationale for calculation, e.g. if the calculation is for a University Medal the criteria for the relevant Courses is specified in the Medals and Awards With Distinction

Schedule.

5. Where a Student has received Credit from an external institution (including Cross-institutional Study), only those Units completed at the University will be included.
6. Where a Student has completed more than the maximum Units required for the Award Program, only the approved Units will be counted.
7. Where, through an administrative error, a Student has passed the same Course twice, the Grade of the first completion, not the highest Grade, will be utilised.
8. Ungraded passes are not included in the calculation of a GPA.
9. The GPA for Medals and for With Distinction will be calculated to one decimal place, that is, a second decimal place of X1 - X4 will be rounded down, a second decimal place of X5 - X9 will be rounded up. For example, 6.44 would round to 6.4, and 6.48 would round to 6.5.

4 References

Nil.

5 Schedule Information

Accountable Officer	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
Responsible Officer	Executive Deans (BELA/HES)
Policy Type	University Procedure
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Relevant Legislation	
Related Policies	Award Eligibility and Graduation Policy
Related Procedures	Assessment Procedure
Related forms, publications and websites	Calculating Your Grade Point Average Grades Schedule
Definitions	Terms defined in the Definitions Dictionary Academic Plan/Major/Specialisation

An element of an Academic Program consisting of a set of designated Courses, from a recognised discipline area and, if appropriate, supporting Courses from other discipline areas, which form a significant part of an Academic Program. The minimum size of each Academic Plan/Major/Specialisation will be determined by the Academic Board.

[Award Program](#)

A sequence of study which leads to an academic qualification granted by the University and conferred by Council.

[Course](#)

The basic unit of study and assessment for which a Student may be awarded a grade, and may accumulate credit units towards completion of a Program.

[Credit](#)

Credit may be granted towards Courses in an Award Program based on recognition of prior studies. Credit may count towards a Student's Grade Point Average.

[Cross-institutional Study](#)

Study comprising a course or a set of Courses being undertaken with one provider (the host provider) as part of a program of study for which the Student is enrolled with another provider (the home provider).

[Final Grade](#)

A Final Grade is a code that normally represents the outcome of the Assessment of a Student's performance against the learning objectives of a Course but may reflect the outcome of an applicable administrative process.

[Grade \(noun\)](#)

A Grade is a code that indicates the status of the Assessment of Student performance against the learning objectives of a Course.

[Grade Point Average \(GPA\)](#)

A GPA is the sum, for all relevant Courses, of the Unit value for each Course, multiplied by the numerical value of the Grades achieved in those Courses, divided by the sum of the Unit values for all the

relevant Courses.

Student

A person who: has been Admitted or Enrolled in an Academic Program at the University, but has not yet graduated from the program; or has been Enrolled in a Course at the University but has not yet completed the Course.

Transfer of Grade

Transfer of a Grade received from a completed Course in a USQ program to another USQ program.

Unit

This is an indicator of the value of a Course. Most Courses are valued at one Unit. Units are used to track progress towards completing a program. (The term used prior to 2002 to describe a Course)

University

The term 'University' or 'USQ' means the University of Southern Queensland.

Definitions that relate to this schedule only

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