

GRADE POINT AVERAGE



The Grade Point Average (GPA) is a numerical index that summarises academic performance, and ranges from a minimum of zero to a maximum of 7 (scale of 0 to 7).

Program GPA

The Program GPA is the average of the grades obtained in all courses in the program, weighted by the unit value of each course. Students enrolled in more than one program will have a separate GPA for each, calculated using the final grades of the courses associated with each program. Only courses studied at the University of Adelaide are included in the GPA with the exception of language courses undertaken at Flinders University between 2002 and 2005.

NO GPA is calculated for the following programs: Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Dental Surgery, and Bachelor of Oral Health. In these programs, academic assessment for all core courses is done on a non-graded basis. In addition, no GPA is calculated for students enrolled in research or non-award programs..

The Program GPA will appear on Official Academic Transcripts for students who commenced their programs from 2002 onwards.

Other uses of GPA

The GPA was also used to monitor students' academic progress, in accordance with the University's Unsatisfactory Academic Progress by Coursework Students Policy (or UAP Policy – see <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies/1803/>). Students who studied between the years 2008 to 2015 whose Term GPA for any Semester was 2.8 or less became subject to the requirements of the UAP Policy.

How to calculate your GPA

1. Your GPA is calculated by assigning the following point values to your final grade for each course:

No of Points	Final Grade
7	High Distinction (HD), First Class Honours (1)
6	Distinction (D), Second Class Honours A (2A)
5	Credit (C), Second Class Honours B (2B)
4	Pass (P), Non Graded Pass (NGP), Unclassified Pass, Satisfactory (S), Third Class Honours (3)
3	Conceded Pass (CP – graded deleted after 2010)
1.5	Fail (F), Unsatisfactory, Incomplete Fail (IG – grade deleted after 2008)
0	Withdraw Fail (WF), Fail No Submission (FNS), Not Awarded
Not included	Withdraw Not Fail (WNF); Continuing (CN); Result Pending (RP)

2. Next, the number of units assigned for each grade is multiplied by the number of grade points to give the total number of course grade points for each course, in each program. For example, for a student enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts program (BARTS) and the Bachelor of Commerce program (BCOM):

Program	Course No	Units	Grade	Grade Points	Units x Grade Points
BARTS	1	3	D	6	18
BARTS	2	6	C	5	30
BARTS	3	3	HD	7	21
BARTS	4	3	P	4	12
BARTS	5	3	F	1.5	4.5

BCOM	1	3	C	5	15
BCOM	2	3	WF	0	0
BCOM	3	3	WNF	-	-

1. Finally, the total number of grade points is divided by the total number of unit values of the courses for each program. Based on the above example:

Bachelor of Arts

Program GPA	$\frac{18 + 30 + 21 + 12 + 4.5}{3 + 6 + 3 + 3 + 3}$	$\frac{85.5}{18}$	= 4.75
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Bachelor of Commerce

Program GPA	$\frac{15 + 0}{3 + 3}$	$\frac{15}{6}$	= 2.50
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