

GRADE POINT AVERAGE for HONOURS PROGRAMS

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 Honours program, weighted by the unit and point value of each course.

Only courses studied at the University of Adelaide are included in the GPA.

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

Other uses of GPA

The GPA may be used to rank students seeking admission to another program by academic merit, or for awarding scholarships, prizes or other merit awards, such as the University Medal.

How to calculate your Honours Program GPA

Program GPAs are calculated for Honours Programs in a similar manner to all other programs, however a mark range is used to determine the point values assigned to each course as follows:

No of points	Mark Range
7	80 – 100
6	70 – 79
5	60 – 69
4	50 – 59
1.5	0 – 49
0	Withdraw Fail (WF), Fail No Submission (FNS), Not Awarded
Not Included	Withdraw Not Fail (WNF), Continuing (CN), Result Pending (RP), Withheld (WH)

Example enrolments and marks

Course	Mark	Units	Point Value
Course 1	82	6	7
Course 2	75	6	6
Course 3	69	3	5
Course 4	85	9	7

Step 1 – The number of units assigned to each course is multiplied by the number of points to give the number of course grade points for each course:

Course	Units	Point Value	Units X Point Value
Course 1	6	7	42
Course 2	6	6	36
Course 3	3	5	15
Course 4	9	7	63
Totals	24		156

Step 2 – The total number of course grade points are then divided by the total number of units to calculate the Program GPA:

Honours Program GPA	<u>42 + 36 + 15 + 63</u> 6 + 6 + 3 + 9	<u>156</u> 24	= 6.5
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Honours Program Final Grade (from 2016)

The overall Honours Program Final Grade is calculated using a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) for students commencing their 1 year Honours program from 2016.

The WAM is calculated using the marks and units assigned to all courses completed within the program, except where a course has been dropped with the outcome of Withdraw Not Fail. Where a course has been dropped with the outcome of Withdraw Fail, a mark of zero is assigned for the WAM calculation process.

If a course is Failed then repeated and passed on the second attempt, the marks and units for both attempts are included in the WAM calculation.

Step 1 – The mark for each course is multiplied by the units:

Course	Mark	Units	Mark x Units
Course 1	82	6	492
Course 2	75	6	450
Course 3	69	3	207
Course 4	85	9	765
Totals	-	24	1914

Step 2 – The total mark x units is then divided by the total units to calculate the WAM:

Honours Program WAM	<u>492 + 450 + 207 + 765</u> 6 + 6 + 3 + 9	<u>1914</u> 24	= 79.75

CALCULATION FOR BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING (HONOURS)

The Honours GPA is the average of the grades obtained in all courses within a 1 year end-on Honours Program. All undergraduate Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) programs have embedded honours with a program duration of at least four years. Students in these programs must calculate their GPA using the non-Honours GPA calculation and will receive a separate honours calculation upon completion of their program.