
COMPUTATION OF THE GRADE POINT AVERAGE

PURPOSE: To outline the procedure for computing the grade point average (referred to hereafter as the GPA).

I. Computation of GPA

- A. All courses taken prior to the initiation of a +/- grading system at Boise State University as well as those transferred from other post-secondary institutions with a grade of A, B, C, D, or F will be used in the GPA calculation.
- B. Boise State University uses a 4.0 grading scale. The following table identifies this grading scale as well as what grades are used in calculation of GPA.

Letter Grade	Meaning	Quality Points per Credit Hour	Used to Calculate GPA
A+		4.0 quality points per credit hour	Yes
A		4.0 quality points per credit hour	Yes
A-		3.7 quality points per credit hour	Yes
B+		3.3 quality points per credit hour	Yes
B		3.0 quality points per credit hour	Yes
B-		2.7 quality points per credit hour	Yes
C+		2.3 quality points per credit hour	Yes
C		2.0 quality points per credit hour	Yes
C-		1.7 quality points per credit hour	Yes
D+		1.3 quality points per credit hour	Yes
D		1.0 quality points per credit hour	Yes
D-		0.7 quality points per credit hour	Yes
F		0.0 quality points per credit hour	Yes
P	Pass	0.0 quality points per credit hour	No
I	Incomplete	0.0 quality points per credit hour	No
W	Withdrew	0.0 quality points per credit hour	No
AUD	Audited	0.0 quality points per credit hour	No
UAU	Unsatisfactory Audit	0.0 quality points per credit hour	No
NR	No report on record	0.0 quality points per credit hour	No
CW	Complete withdrawal from all classes that semester	0.0 quality points per credit hour	No

- C. Boise State will honor the grade policy of the institution from which the students transferred courses.

II. Repeat Courses Used in Computation of GPA

In computing the GPA, Boise State has used two methods of computing retake courses-grade replacement and grade averaging.

- A. Courses repeated prior to Fall 1995 used a grade replacement policy. Only the most recent grade was used in calculating the cumulative GPA.
- B. Courses repeated between Fall 1995 and Summer 2001 used a grade averaging policy. Courses repeated will be averaged, using both grades in the calculation of the GPA.
- C. Beginning Fall 2001 and on, courses repeated will use a grade replacement policy. Only the most recent grade will be used in calculation of the cumulative GPA.

III. Computation

For each student, Boise State University calculates and documents three types of grade-point averages (GPA):

- overall cumulative GPA
- semester GPA
- BSU GPA

Each of the three types of GPA is calculated with the same formula: total quality points earned divided by the total number of credits attempted.

In calculating the overall cumulative GPA, courses taken at the university in the student's current "career" and all transferred courses earning a letter grade if A, B, C, D, or F are used, taking into consideration II. above.

In calculating semester GPA, the formula uses only the quality points earned and the credits attempted that semester.

For BSU GPA, the formula uses only quality points earned and credits attempted at BSU in the student's current career.

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All GPA calculations exclude credits for:

- pass/fail courses in which a final grade of P is received
- courses registered for but later dropped
- audit status courses
- incomplete (I) or no record (NR) (until I or NR is changed to a letter grade)

GPA calculations are rounded to the third decimal place.

Grades excluded from GPA calculation are not used in calculation of the overall cumulative or BSU cumulative GPA. However, they are used in determination of graduation honors.

(See Grade Exclusion Policy [BSU 2210.](#))