

Dean of Students

Information Sheet

Calculating Your Grade Point Average

What is a Grade Point Average (GPA)?

The Grade Point Average (GPA) of a student is a calculation which reflects the overall grades of a student. It is based on **undergraduate units completed at Macquarie University** and does not take into account credit points granted for advanced standing or non-award study. Although there are two GPA calculations below which represent Macquarie University's changed grading system **there is only one GPA.**

The GPA is used for academic advising in the several areas:

- Unit prerequisites
- Admission to Bachelor degree Honours programs
- Transferring from one Macquarie degree program to another where there is an internal transfer policy
- Admission to restricted areas of study, such as Accounting, Economics and Psychology

Calculation of the Grade Point Average

The grade point average (GPA) for grades obtained prior to 2001 is calculated as follows:

GPA = $(4a + 3b + 2c + 1cq + 0f)$ divided by e where

- a is the number of credit points gained at A grade
- b is the number of credit points gained at B grade
- c is the number of credit points gained at C grade
- cq is the number of credit points gained at CQ grade,
- e is the **total number of credit points** for which a student is effectively enrolled (excluding units with W or P)
- f is the number of credit points gained with an F grade

The grade point average (GPA) for grades obtained from 2001 onwards is calculated as follows:

GPA = $(4w + 3x + 2y + 1z + 0f)$ divided by e where

- w is the number of credit points gained at **HD** and **D**,
- x is the number of credit points gained at **CR**,
- y is the number of credit points gained at **P**,
- z is the number of credit points gained at **PC**,
- e **is the total number of credit points for which a student is effectively enrolled (excluding units with W or any other grade not included in the above formula)**
- f is the number of credit points gained with an F grade.

The grade point average of an applicant who has been enrolled for the BA DipEd, BBA DipEd, BCom DipEd, BEc DipEd or BSc DipEd course will be calculated on the basis of the entire program and not just on the level of performance for the BA, BBA, BCom, BE or BSc degree.

It is important to note that the GPA is based on your entire academic record at Macquarie. Your GPA includes all units in any undergraduate degree program ever taken by you at Macquarie. **Repeating units does not remove previous failed units from your transcript.** It is not a semester based calculation.

A GPA calculator can be accessed from the Macquarie University Undergraduate Studies Section web page at <http://www.reg.mq.edu.au/Undergrad>

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