

HOW DO I..... Calculate the GPA in my major?

If you need to figure out the GPA in your major take the list of courses you've completed (with your grades included) to your advisor. Your grade reports or an unofficial copy of your academic transcript will have the information you need. Go over with your advisor which courses are being used for your major. Add the quality points for all these courses and divide by the number of hours (credits) that the courses are worth. That gives you the GPA in your major.

If you aren't sure about the quality points you can figure it out yourself. *Take a deep breath, don't panic, and follow the directions below:*

Use the following scale for determining quality points:

- Any A+ yields 4.3 quality points per semester hour;
 - Any A yields 4.0 quality points per semester hour;
 - Any A- yields 3.7 quality points per semester hour;
 - Any B+ yields 3.3 quality points per semester hour;
 - Any B yields 3.0 quality points per semester hour;
 - Any B- yields 2.7 quality points per semester hour;
 - Any C+ yields 2.3 quality points per semester hour;
 - Any C yields 2.0 quality points per semester hour;
 - Any C- yields 1.7 quality points per semester hour;
 - Any D+ yields 1.3 quality points per semester hour;
 - Any D yields 1.0 quality point per semester hour;
 - Any D- yields 0.7 quality points per semester hour;
 - Any F yields 0.0 quality points per semester hour.
- None of the other symbols is assigned any quality point weight.

The college calculates a cumulative GPA for every student by dividing the total number of quality points earned by the total number of semester hours attempted in graded courses.

How do I figure my Major GPA?

Add all quality points from major courses. Divide by the number of credits and truncate the figure at two places past the decimal point (i.e. do not round the result).

Example:

<u>Major course</u>	<u># Credits</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Qual. Pts.</u>
Course # 1	4	B+	13.2
Course # 2	3	A-	11.1
Course # 3	3	C-	5.1
<u>Course # 4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>A+</u>	<u>12.9</u>
Totals	13		42.3

GPA in major: 42.3 quality points divided by 13 credits = 3.25

Cumulative GPA:

The GPA in your major considers only those courses that you passed. Your cumulative GPA considers all R-MC work that you *attempted*, whether you passed it or not. So, if you failed a course worth 4 credits and passed 32 credits worth of work with a total of 85 quality points, just to use the same figures as in the first example above, for a *cumulative GPA* calculation you would have to divide the 85 points by the 36 credits attempted. Your cumulative GPA in this example would then be 2.36.

Happy computing!

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