

GRADE POINT AVERAGES (extracts from the SFU Calendar)

The semester grade point average (GPA) is a method of expressing the student's performance for the semester as a numerical average. Each letter grade (except grades/notations P, W, CC, AU, AE, CR, FX, DE, WD, WE and IP) is assigned a numerical equivalent, which is then multiplied by the credit hour value assigned to the course to produce the grade point. Grades without a numerical equivalent are not included in the calculation of the grade point average.

Semester grade point average is computed by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the total number of credit hours taken in the semester (excepting those credit hours assigned to course with a final grade/notation of P, W, CC, AU, AE, CR, FX, DE, WD, WE or IP).

	Letter Grade	Numeric Value	Semester Hours	Grade Point
Course 1	A	4.00	3	12.00
Course 2	A+	4.33	3	12.99
Course 3	B-	2.67	3	8.01
Course 4	C	2.00	3	6.00
Course 5	F	0.00	4	0.00
		Total	16	39.00
semester grade point average:				$39/16 = 2.44$

The cumulative grade point average (CGPA) expresses performance as a numerical average for all semesters completed and is closed in the semester in which a degree or diploma is awarded by senate. A new CGPA begins when a student returns for further studies following the awarding of a degree or diploma.

The CGPA is calculated by dividing the total number of grade points earned to date by the total number of credit hours undertaken to date, with the exception of those courses assigned a final grade/notation of P, W, CC, AU, AE, CR, FX, DE, WD, WE, or IP. The CGPA calculated for semesters completed prior to the fall semester 1979 includes duplicate courses.

The upper division grade point average is calculated by dividing the total number of grade points earned in upper division courses by the total number of credit hours assigned for those courses, counting only the higher grade in courses that have been duplicated.