

Calculating your CSU-transferable GPA

Your grade point average (GPA) is calculated by dividing the total amount of grade points earned by the total amount of attempted units with grades. Your grade point average may range from 0.0 to 4.0.

STEP 1: A student's total grade points are calculated by multiplying the number of class units attempted by the value associated with each grade earned. For example:

Grade	Units Attempted	Value	Grade Points Earned (Units x Value)
A	3	4	12
B	3	3	9
C	3	2	6
D	3	1	3
F	3	0	0
W	0	0	0

STEP 2: The student's GPA is then determined by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the number of units attempted. Thus, if a student takes four 3-unit courses and earns 3 B's and 1 C, the GPA is as follows:

Grade Earned	Units	Value	Total Grade Points (Units x Value)
B	3	3	9
B	3	3	9
A	5	4	20
C	3	2	6
Totals:	14 units		44 Grade Points

Total Grade Points (44) divided by Total Units (14) = 3.14 GPA

Converting Semester and Quarter Units

The GPA should be calculated based on the same type of units. That is, if you have coursework that are in semester and quarter units, you need to convert one into the other. To convert quarter units into semester units, take your quarter units and divide it by 1.5. To convert semester units into quarter units, take your semester units and multiply by 1.5.

Example:

Grade Earned	Semester Units	Value	Total Grade Points (Units x Value)
B	3	3	9
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A	6 quarter units/1.5 = 4 semester units	3	12
C	3	2	6
Totals:	13 units		36 Grade Points

Total Grade Points (36) divided by Total Units (13) = 2.77 GPA

Calculating Different Kinds of GPA

Universities may ask for your gpa in transferable classes only. Some may want your gpa in a certain category or list of classes to determine eligibility and competitiveness.

Example: CSU East Bay Nursing wants to see a 3.0 gpa for the eight prerequisite and a 3.0 for just the four science prerequisites.

You can use the above steps to calculate a gpa for any category of courses as required or needed.

Calculating Your CSU-Transferable GPA

The **CSU Mentor Transfer Admission Application** asks applicants to enter their **CSU-transferable gpa**. The gpa in your Class-Web unofficial transcript isn't always your CSU-transferable gpa. You need to determine which courses are CSU-transferable in order to calculate your CSU-transferable GPA.

How do I know what classes to incorporate into this calculation and determine my CSU-transferable gpa?

- If the class is or was on www.assist.org for your academic major during the year you took the course, incorporate the grade into your gpa calculation.
- If the class is or was on the CSU GE or IGETC pattern during the term you took the course, incorporate the grade(s) into your gpa calculation. GE patterns are available at the Career & Transfer Center, Front Desk Counseling, and online at www.assist.org. Just visit the site and select "CSU GE Breadth" or "IGETC" located under "Help Topics" to get started.
- Just because the class is not on the CSU GE or IGETC doesn't mean it isn't CSU-transferable. For these other classes or if you aren't sure about a specific course, visit www.assist.org and select "Transferable Courses" located under "Help Topics" to determine whether or not it is a CSU-transferable class.

Other Notes:

- R (Repeats) - When the course in which you received a substandard grade (D or F) is repeated at the same college, the most recent grade can be calculated in your GPA in lieu of the previous grade(s). When the course in which you received a substandard grade is repeated at another college, both grades should be used in the calculation unless your transcript indicates academic forgiveness. Please consult with the CSU university representative or counselor for assistance.
- P/NP (Pass/No Pass) or CR/NC (Credit/No Credit) do not receive grade points and are not factored in the calculation of your GPA.
- W (Withdrawals) do not receive grade points and are not factored in the calculation of your GPA.
- I (Incomplete) grades represent an instructor-student agreement that the student may complete the course work by the end of the following semester and receive an appropriate letter grade. If the student does not complete the course work before this deadline, the right of the student to make up the work is forfeited. The "I" will be replaced with the alternate letter grade assigned by the instructor at the time the incomplete was assigned.

Now you are ready to calculate your CSU-transferable gpa!

You can manually calculate your gpa (see steps #1 and #2)

You can use an online gpa calculator like the one below:

www.ohlone.edu/org/transfer/gpacalculator.html

You can also download a GPA Calculator Excel Spreadsheet from the Career & Transfer Center webpage at:

www.chabotcollege.edu/counseling/transfer