

How to Calculate your Grade Point Average (GPA)

Multiply the number of **credit hours** for the course by the **point value** of the letter grade earned in the course. The product of this multiplication will be the **total grade points** for the course. See example below:

<i>course</i>	<i>credit hours</i>	times	<i>point value</i>	equals	<i>total grade points</i>
ENGL 1110G	4 credits	x	A grade (value is 4.0)	=	16

The total credit hours calculated into the GPA is called **total GPA hours**. Within the NMSU system, total GPA hours consist of the total credits in which grades of *A+ through F* have been earned. To determine the **GPA**, divide the total GPA hours into the total grade points. A **semester GPA** is a GPA calculation of courses taken in one particular semester. The **cumulative GPA** is simply an overall GPA of all courses taken.

In the following example, 17 **total GPA hours** divided into 36.7 **total grade points** equals a **GPA** of 2.158.

<i>course</i>	<i>credit hours</i>	times	<i>point value</i>	equals	<i>total grade points</i>	
ENGL 1110G	4	x	A (4.0)	=	16.0	
CCDM 114N	4	x	B- (2.7)	=	10.8	
PSYC 1110G	3	x	C+ (2.3)	=	6.9	
THEA 1110G	3	x	D+ (1.0)	=	3.0	
FYEX 1110	3	x	F (0)	=	0	
Totals	17 total GPA Hours				36.7 total grade points	2.158 GPA

NMSU Grade Point Values

Letter Grade	Description	Grade Point Value
A+	Excellent	4.0
A	Excellent	4.0
A-	Excellent	3.7
B+	Better than Average	3.3
B	Better than Average	3.0
B-	Better than Average	2.7
C+	Average	2.3
C	Average	2.0
C-	Average	2.0
D+	Below Average	1.0
D	Below Average	1.0
D-	Below Average	1.0
F	Failing	0

Letter Grade	Description	Grade Point Value
W	Withdrawal	Not Computed
N	Grade Not Submitted	Not Computed
CR/CD	Credit Authorized	Not Computed
IP	In Progress	Not Computed
RR	Progress in Undergraduate Course	Not Computed
PR	Progress on Graduate Thesis	Not Computed
S*	Satisfactory	Not Computed
U	Unsatisfactory	Not Computed
I	Incomplete	Not Computed
AU	Audit	Not Computed

**An S grade is a grade satisfactory to the professor and is normally equivalent to the grade of C- or higher.*

Any courses for which only CR, S or PR is awarded, but no traditional letter grade is given, will be included in the total number of earned hours but is not computed in the grade-point average. Traditional letter grades are those which are used in the grade point average determination: A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D- and F. Special rules apply for repeated courses. See your academic advisor for details.

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