

## Calculating Your Grade Point Average (GPA)

Grade points (also called quality points) are the points awarded based on the grade earned. While some schools assign different values, the College of Arts and Sciences follows a standard 4.0 grade scale. In the CAS, the grade points are awarded as follows:

A =	4.0 grade points
A- =	3.7 grade points
B+ =	3.3 grade points
B =	3.0 grade points
B- =	2.7 grade points
C+ =	2.3 grade points
C =	2.0 grade points
C- =	1.7 grade points
D+ =	1.3 grade points
D =	1.0 grade points
F =	0.0 grade points

Your grade point average (GPA) is calculated by dividing the total amount of grade points (or quality points) earned by the total amount of credits you attempted to complete. The minimum GPA needed to graduate is 2.000 (both cumulatively and within the major).

Courses taken with the CR/NC grading option are not factored in the student's GPA and should not be included in the total number of credits attempted. This is also true for Incomplete grades and W grades. I (Incompletes) and W (Withdrawals) are not awarded grade points and do not have an effect on the GPA, though they may impact a student's academic standing if the student does not complete at least 12 credits.

### **Example for a given semester:**

Course	Credit Hours	Grade	Grade Points
History	4	A	16
Geology	4	C	8
PE/A	1	CR	0
Music	1	B-	2.7
Studio Art	4	F	0
<b>13 Total Credits Attempted</b> (note that the CR/NC PE/A class is not included)			<b>26.7 Total Grade Points</b>

To calculate the semester GPA, the total grade points are divided by the total credit hours attempted.

<b>Total Grade Points</b>	26.7	= 2.054
<b>Total Credits Attempted</b>	13	

You can find a generic GPA calculator online at: <http://www.back2college.com/gpa.htm>