

Calculating Your GPA in College

Introduction to GPA

- GPA stands for Grade Point Average.
- It is a measure of academic performance in college.
- Understanding how to calculate your GPA is essential for academic success.

Understanding Letter Grades

- Each letter grade corresponds to a specific point value:
- A = 4 points
- B = 3 points
- C = 2 points
- D = 1 point
- F = 0 points

Credit Hours Explained

- Credit hours represent the weight of each course.
- Courses can have different credit values (e.g., 1, 2, 3, or 4 credits).

Calculating Quality Points

- Quality Points = Credit Hours \times Points for Letter Grade.
- Example: If you receive a B (3 points) in a 3-credit course:
- Quality Points = $3 \times 3 = 9$ points.

Example Course Grades

- Let's say you have the following grades:
- Chemistry: B (3 credits)
- Physics: D (3 credits)
- Chemistry Lab: C (1 credit)
- Calculus: A (4 credits)
- PE: A (2 credits)

Calculating Total Credit Hours

- Total Credit Hours = Sum of all credit hours.
- Example: 3 (Chemistry) + 3 (Physics) + 1 (Lab) + 4 (Calculus) + 2 (PE) = 13 credits.

Calculating Total Quality Points

- Total Quality Points = Sum of all quality points.
- Example: 9 (Chemistry) + 3 (Physics) + 2 (Lab) + 16 (Calculus) + 8 (PE) = 38 points.

Calculating Your GPA

- $\text{GPA} = \text{Total Quality Points} \div \text{Total Credit Hours}$.
- Example: $38 \div 13 = 2.923$.

Understanding GPA Ranges

- A GPA of 4.0 indicates straight A's.
- A GPA of 3.0 indicates straight B's.

New Example for Practice

- Let's change the grades and credit hours:
- Chemistry: A (4 credits)
- Physics: B (4 credits)
- Lab: A (1 credit)
- Calculus: B (3 credits)
- PE: A (3 credits)
- Can you calculate the new GPA for this scenario?

Calculating New Quality Points

- Quality Points for new example:
- Chemistry: $4 \times 4 = 16$
- Physics: $4 \times 3 = 12$
- Lab: $1 \times 4 = 4$
- Calculus: $3 \times 3 = 9$
- PE: $3 \times 4 = 12$

Calculating New Total Credit Hours

- Total Credit Hours = $4 + 4 + 1 + 3 + 3 = 15$.

Calculating New Total Quality Points

- Total Quality Points = $16 + 12 + 4 + 9 + 12 = 53$.

Calculating New GPA

- New GPA = Total Quality Points \div Total Credit Hours.
- Example: $53 \div 15 = 3.53$.