University Policy 2200

Computation of the Grade Point Average

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Responsible Party
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, (208) 426-1202

Scope and Audience
This policy applies to all students enrolled for academic credit.

1. Policy Purpose
To outline the procedure for computing the grade point average (referred to hereafter as the GPA).

2. Policy Statement
It is the policy of Boise State University that the calculation of a GPA is applied in a consistent manner for all students; and that the campus community as well as prospective students and transfer students have access to the standards for which calculations are determined and applied.
3. Responsibilities and Procedures

3.1 Computation of GPA

a. All courses taken prior to the initiation of a +/- grading system at Boise State University as well as those transferred from other post-secondary institutions with a grade of A, B, C, D, or F will be used in the GPA calculation.

b. Boise State University uses a 4.0 grading scale. The following table identifies this grading scale as well as what grades are used in calculation of GPA.

c. Boise State will honor the grade policy of the institution from which the student transferred courses.

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<th>Quality Points per Credit Hour</th>
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### Letter Grade | Meaning | Quality Points per Credit Hour | Used to Calculate GPA
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D- | | 0.7 quality point per credit hour | Yes
F | | 0.0 quality point per credit hour | Yes
P | Pass | 0.0 quality point per credit hour | No
I | Incomplete | 0.0 quality point per credit hour | No
W | Withdrew | 0.0 quality point per credit hour | No
AUD | Audited | 0.0 quality point per credit hour | No
UAU | Unsatisfactory Audit | 0.0 quality point per credit hour | No
NR | No report on record | 0.0 quality point per credit hour | No
CW | Complete withdrawal from all classes that semester | 0.0 quality point per credit hour | No

#### 3.2 Repeat Courses Used in Computation of GPA

In computing the GPA, Boise State has used two methods of computing retake courses—grade replacement, and grade averaging.

a. Courses repeated prior to Fall 1995 used a grade replacement policy. Only the most recent grade was used in calculating the cumulative GPA.

b. Courses repeated between fall 1995 and summer 2001 used a grade averaging policy. Courses repeated will be averaged, using both grades in the calculation of the GPA.

c. Beginning fall 2001 and on, courses repeated will use a grade replacement policy. Only the most recent grade will be used in calculation of the cumulative GPA.
3.3 Computation

a. For each student, Boise State University calculates and documents three types of grade-point averages (GPA): overall, semester, and BSU.

b. Each of the three types of GPA is calculated with the same formula: total quality points earned divided by the total number of credits attempted.

(i.) Overall cumulative GPA - In calculating the overall cumulative GPA, courses taken at the university in the student’s current “career” and all transferred courses earning a letter grade if A, B, C, D, or F are used, taking into consideration Section 3.1 above.

(ii.) Semester GPA - In calculating semester GPA, the formula uses only the quality points earned and the credits attempted that semester.

(iii.) BSU GPA - For BSU GPA, the formula uses only quality points earned and credits attempted at BSU in the student’s current career.

c. All GPA calculations exclude credits for:

- Pass/fail courses in which a final grade of P is received
- Courses registered for but later dropped
- Audit status courses
- Incomplete (I) or no record (NR) (until I or NR is changed to a letter grade)

d. GPA calculations are rounded to the third decimal place.

e. Grades excluded from GPA calculation are not used in calculation of the overall cumulative or BSU cumulative GPA. However, they are used in determination of graduation honors. (See Grade Exclusion Policy BSU 2210).

Revision History

July 1999; July 2001; November 2001; April 2006; July 2012