

Cumulative Grade Point Index (GPA)

Catalog Text

The cumulative grade point index (also known as GPA) is computed by dividing the total number of quality points by the total number of quality hours. The quality points for each course are obtained by multiplying the quality point value for each grade by the credits for that course: e.g., a grade of A in a three credit course would earn 12 quality points (4 quality points x 3 credits). A minimum average of C, or a scholastic index of 2.0, in all work taken at the University of Delaware is required for the baccalaureate degree. Both term and GPAs are calculated and reported to students after each grading period.

A grade of Z is equal to a grade of F in calculating the index (0 quality points per credit). For courses taken on a Pass/Fail basis, F grades are included in the calculation of the grade point index, but P grades are not. All other grades for courses taken for credit at the University are included in the calculation of the index, including the first and later grades for courses that have been repeated, with the exception of courses subject to the Grade Replacement policy, below. The credits for courses repeated to improve a grade are counted only once toward the minimum required for graduation.

Credits and quality points for courses completed elsewhere and transferred to the University will not be included in the student's University of Delaware cumulative grade point index.

Grade Replacement Policy

Under special conditions, students may retake University of Delaware courses and have the lowest of the repeated course grades excluded from the GPA. Through the session during which a student attains a total of 28 credits attempted at UD, if a student receives a C– or lower on a UD course, then that course may be retaken later with only the higher grade included in the calculation of GPA and in the calculation of quality point deficit.

A student may apply this to a particular course only once. A student may only apply this to a total of two courses or eight credits, whichever is less. This policy may not be applied to courses taken Pass/Fail or to courses in which grades assigned are the result of an academic dishonesty finding through the Student Conduct process. A variable-credit course must be repeated for the same number of credits to be used for grade replacement. No University of Delaware course can be removed from the GPA by a transferred course. Courses removed from the GPA by CURC petition do not count toward the limit of two courses and eight credits that may be replaced.

All course attempts and grades will be recorded on the transcript, with a notation to indicate which courses are not included in the GPA.