

How the Grade Point Average is Calculated

Numerical equivalents of letter grades are used to calculate the grade point average for a semester (session) and the cumulative grade point average. The numerical equivalents of grades are as follows: "A" = 4.00; "A-" = 3.67; "B+" = 3.33; "B" = 3.00; "B-" = 2.67; "C+" = 2.33; "C" = 2.00; "C-" = 1.67; "D+" = 1.33; "D" = 1.00; "F" = 0.00. Note that grades of "P" and "N" (Pass and No Pass) are not letter grades and do not factor into grade point averages.

The total number of grade points for a course, referred to as quality points, is determined by multiplying the total number of credit hours awarded for the course, the quality hours, by the numerical equivalent of the letter grade received.

The grade point average for a semester is determined by dividing the total number of quality points received in that semester by the number of quality hours awarded. The cumulative grade point average is determined by dividing the total number of quality points received through Wilmington College by the total number of quality hours awarded.

Grade point averages are used to identify students who will receive public recognition for their academic achievements and to determine academic standing.

Repeated Courses. A course may be repeated in order to raise a grade. If both are Wilmington College courses, grades will appear on the permanent transcript, but only the higher grade will be used for the grade point average calculation. See Academic Records for a repeat involving a transfer course. A course will only count once for graduation.

Grade Changes. Grade changes cannot be made, except for a certified error on the part of College faculty or staff.

Grade Appeals. Students requesting a change of grade must initiate that request with the instructor of record or by filing a formal grade appeal no later than one semester after receipt of the final grade. Requests for grade changes from fall term must be initiated by the last day of the following spring semester; requests for grade changes from spring and summer terms must be initiated by the last day of the following fall semester. Instructors must respond within one month of the request, including filing a change of grade form with the Office of Academic Affairs.