

## How to Calculate Your Cumulative and Major GPA

Grade Point Average in general is based upon a system of assigning a point value to each grade. At the University of Georgia, this system is based on a 4.0 scale. This means that the maximum number of points that you can receive per grade is 4.0.

$$\mathbf{A = 4.0 \quad B = 3.0 \quad C = 2.0 \quad D = 1.0 \quad F = 0.0}$$

To determine your total Grade points for a specific class, you would multiply the grade value by the number of credit hours for the course. For example, if you took STAT 2000 at UGA (a 4.0 credit hour class) and received a “B”, your total Grade points would be 12.

In order to figure out your GPA for a specific section or term, you would total the number of Grade Points per class and then divide by the total number of credit hours.

Example, if in Fall 2004 you took the following courses:

SPAN 2001  
SPCM 3300  
SPCM 3320  
CMLT 4150  
SOCI 3000

And you received the following grades:

SPAN 2001 – B  
SPCM 3300 – A  
SPCM 3320 – C  
CMTL 4150 – B  
SOCI 3000 – A

Then your semester GPA would be:

$$9 + 12 + 6 + 9 + 12 = 48 \div 15 \text{ credit hours} = \mathbf{3.2}.$$

Remember the following equation when determining GPA:

$$\mathbf{\text{Total Grade Points} \div \text{Total Credit Hours} = \text{GPA}}$$

*The next few pages discuss how to determine your cumulative GPA and your Major GPA here at the University of Georgia.*

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## Cumulative GPA

Your cumulative GPA is the principal grade point average used by the University of Georgia. Though transfer students may find an Overall GPA listed, in terms of applying to graduate schools and listing GPA on your resumes, cumulative GPA is what you will need to list. Cumulative GPA is also used to determine whether or not a student should be placed on scholastic probation or should be dismissed from the University.

Each student can find their cumulative GPA listed at the top of each page of their DARS report. This cumulative average is determined by dividing your “Cum Qpts” by your “Cum Hr Av.” Thus, a student with 194.0 “cum qpts” and a 62 “cum hr av” will have a “cum avg” of 3.13.

$$\text{CUM QPTS} \div \text{CUM HR AV} = \text{CUM AVG}$$

If you would like to figure out a future “cum avg”, all you need to do is add the total grade points for the specific term to your current “cum qpts” and add the total credit hours for that term to the “cum hr av.” Once you have figured out the projected totals, all you need to do is divide to figure out your future cumulative GPA.

### Example:

Your DARS lists your “Cum Qpts” as 194 and your “Cum Hr Av” as 62 with a “Cum Avg” of 3.13. Your current schedule is listed below, and you expect to receive the following grades:

Current Schedule	Credit Hours	Projected Grade
SPCM 4500	3.0	A
SPCM 4900	3.0	A
SPCM 3320	3.0	B
SPAN 2002	3.0	B
ECHD 3050	2.0	A

Your total points would then be  $12 + 12 + 9 + 9 + 8 = 50$ .

Your total credit hours would be 14 for the term.

So, you add 50 to your “Cum Qpts” and 14 to your “Cum Hr Av”.

$$194 + 50 = 244 \quad 62 + 14 = 76$$

Therefore your projected “Cum Avg” would be  $244 \div 76 = 3.210526 \approx \underline{3.21}$

**\*\*\* OASIS lists a GPA calculator under their Student Records menu that can allow you to see how your projected grades for the current term will affect your Cumulative GPA.**

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### Major GPA

Major GPA at the University of Georgia consists of the GPA of courses found in each students' Area F, Major Required, and Major Courses sections of their DARS report.

Here is an example students' Major GPA calculated for you:

#### Area F

Course	Credit Hours	Grade
SPCM 1500	3.0	A
SPCM 1100	3.0	A
HIST 2052	3.0	B
STAT 2000	4.0	C
CSCI 1100	3.0	A
PHIL 1500	3.0	B

For Area F, you would receive 12 points for SPCM 1500, SPCM 1100, and CSCI 1100. You would receive 9 points for HIST 2052 and PHIL 1500. Finally, you would receive 8 points for STAT 2000.

Thus, your total points would be  $12(3) + 9(2) + 8(1) = 62$  total Grade Points.

**Remember**, 62 Grade Points and 19 total credit hours for your Area F.

#### Major Required

Course	Credit Hours	Grade
SPCM 3300	3.0	A
SPCM 3700	3.0	B

For Major required, you would receive 12 points for SPCM 3300 and 9 points for SPCM 3700.

Thus, your total points would be  $12 + 9 = 21$  total Grade Points.

**Remember**, 21 total Grade Points and 6 total credit hours for your Major Required courses.

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### Major Courses

Course	Credit Hours	Grade
SPCM 3820	3.0	B
SPCM 4320	3.0	A
SPCM 3310	3.0	A
SPCM 4200	3.0	C
SPCM 4900	3.0	A
SPCM 4610	3.0	A
SPCM 3320	3.0	B

Finally, for your Major courses, you would receive 12 points for SPCM 4320, SPCM 3310, SPCM 4900, and SPCM 4610. You would receive 9 points for SPCM 3820 AND SPCM 3320. Lastly, you would receive 6 points for SPCM 4200.

Thus, your total points would be  $12(4) + 9(2) + 6(1) = 72$  *total Grade Points*.

**Remember**, *72 total Grade Points* and *21 total credit hours* for your Major Courses section.

- a. Now, to put all of these different sections together:

### Major GPA

Section	Grade Points	Credit Hours
Area F	62	19
Major Required	21	6
Major Courses	72	21
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>46</b>

So, your Major GPA is  $155 \div 46$  which equals  $3.3695652 \approx \underline{\underline{3.37}}$  **Major GPA**.