

# Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

## **POLICY TITLE**

Grade Point Average Calculation

## **POLICY NUMBER**

ASOM 4.17

## **PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY**

Registrar

## **CREATION / REVISION / EFFECTIVE DATES**

Created May, 2012/Effective Fall, 2012; Revised March 2013/Effective immediately; Revised August 2014/Effective immediately; revised September 2017/effective immediately

## **PURPOSE**

To enable students to calculate or to understand how the grade point average is calculated as part of tracking academic progress.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL SCOPE OR AUDIENCE**

All credit seeking students

## **DEFINITIONS**

*Attempted Credits:* Attempted credits reflect credits for coursework for which a student has made some attempt to complete. Letter grades of A-F and SA-SF are included in attempted credits, as are status codes such as W, I, S, and U.

*Cumulative GPA:* A student's cumulative grade point average (GPA) reflects an average of grades for all Ivy Tech coursework taken, regardless of term.

*Earned Credits:* Earned credits reflect credits for coursework for which a student has earned a passing grade.

*Grade Point Average:* The grade point average (GPA) is a numerical indication of the student's performance in all courses in which quality points can be earned.

*Quality Hours:* Quality hours are credit hours for courses in which quality points may be earned. They are used in calculation of a student's grade point average (GPA). Academic skills advancement courses are assigned grading designations, but no quality hours are earned.

*Quality Points:* Quality points are numerical values indicating the quality of student performance in credit courses, with an A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, and F/FW=0. The quality points earned for a course equal the quality point value times the number of credits.

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*Status Codes:* Status codes do not involve the assignment of quality points and have no impact upon the grade point average. Status codes include W, AW, AU, S, U, V, and I.

### **POLICY**

All courses assigned grades and status codes are reflected on the student's term grade report. These course credit hours will generate earned, attempted and/or quality hours and quality points, depending on the grade or status condition assigned. Students' grade point average (GPA) shall be calculated from assigned grades.

### **PROCEDURE**

1. A student's GPA is determined by dividing the total number of quality points by the total number of quality hours. (The same procedure is used for determining the term and cumulative GPA.)
2. All course work completed with assigned grades of A, B, C, D, F, or FW is to be considered in calculating the cumulative GPA, except for grades in Skills Advancement courses.

The determination of standards of progress (satisfactory or unsatisfactory) is influenced by the GPA, which is a designation for the College and is not determined separately for a region or major instructional site.

3. The higher of the two grades is computed in the grade point average when a student repeats a course for credit. For students admitted to or enrolled in the American Honors (AH) program at the College, grades earned in non-honors courses cannot replace grades earned in honors courses. A higher grade in an honors course may replace a lower grade earned in a non-honors section of the same course for purposes of computing GPA. Both grades continue to appear on the permanent record. Only with special permission from the Campus Academic Officer or designee may a student repeat a course more than once.
4. The College names to the Dean's List any degree-seeking student who has accumulated 12 or more earned credit hours, and who, in the term involved, had a term GPA of 3.50, had no D or F grades, and was enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours. Students become eligible for the Dean's List in the same semester in which they accumulate 12 credit hours and meet the above conditions. Skills Advancement classes are not considered in determining Dean's List eligibility.

### Grade/Status Code Designation Table

All courses assigned grades and status codes are reflected on the student's term grade report. These course credit hours will generate earned, attempted and/or quality hours and quality points, depending on the grade or status condition assigned.

	Attempted	Earned	Quality	Quality
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Grade/Status	Credits	Credits	Hours	Points
A	X	X	X	X
B	X	X	X	X
C	X	X	X	X
D	X	X	X	X
F	X		X	
FW	X		X	
SA	X	X		
SB	X	X		
SC	X	X		
SD	X	X		
SF	X			
SFW	X			
I/SI	X			
W/SW	X			
AW	X			
AU				
S/SS	X	X		
U/SU	X			
V	X	X		

**REFERENCES**

4.19 Standards of Progress  
 Repeating Courses policy

**RESOURCE PERSON**

Campus Registrar