



# ELIGIBILITY CENTER

## HOW IS CORE-COURSE GPA CALCULATED?

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates core-course GPAs using the 4.0 scale:  
A=4; B=3; C=2; D=1.

To determine quality points earned for each course, multiply the numeric grade value (4, 3, 2 or 1) by the amount of credit earned. A semester is awarded 0.50 unit of credit and a trimester is awarded .34 unit of credit.

The Eligibility Center does not use plus or minus grades when calculating core-course GPA.

**Example:** Grades of B+, B and B- will all be worth 3 quality points each.

If your high school uses a numeric scale, the high school needs to provide a conversion to a letter grade and communicate that to the Eligibility Center.

### Examples of Total Quality Point Calculation

- » An A grade (4 points) for a trimester course (0.34 units):  
4 points x 0.34 units=1.36 total quality points.
- » An A grade (4 points) for a semester course (0.50 units):  
4 points x 0.50 units=2 total quality points.
- » An A grade (4 points) for a full-year course (1.0 units):  
4 points x 1.0 units=4 quality points.

### Calculate the Overall Grade-Point Average

To calculate the estimated core-course GPA, divide the total number of quality points for all core courses by the total number of core-course units completed.

**Note:** If a student has completed a surplus of coursework that may be considered in their academic certification, the Eligibility Center will use the best grade/credit combination to satisfy the core-course requirements.