



HOW IS CORE-COURSE GPA CALCULATED?

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates your core-course grade-point average based on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core courses. Only your best grades from the required number of NCAA core courses will be used. To find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses, visit eligibilitycenter.org/courselist.

Your core-course GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale. Numeric grades such as 92 or 87 are changed to letter grades, such as A or B. As part of this calculation, each grade received is assigned "quality points." The Eligibility Center does not use plus or minus grades when calculating your core-course GPA. For example, grades of B+, B and B- will each be worth three quality points. Weighted honors or Advanced Placement courses may improve your core-course GPA, but the high school must notify the Eligibility Center that it awards weighted grades in these classes. The high school's course weighting policy must align with acceptable NCAA course weight policy.

Quality Points

A = 4 points

B = 3 points

C = 2 points

D = 1 point

To determine your quality points earned for each course, multiply the quality points for the grade by the amount of credit earned.

Examples:

You receive an A grade (4 points) for a trimester course (0.34 unit):

4 points x 0.34 unit = 1.36 total quality points

You receive an A grade (4 points) for a semester course (0.50 unit):

4 points x 0.50 unit = 2.00 total quality points

You receive an A grade (4 points) for a full-year course (1.00 unit):

4 points x 1.00 unit = 4.00 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 or use the [Division I and II Worksheets](#).

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.