

Graduate Student Grade Point Averages

Summary

Graduate students at CSU earn grade point averages several, specific grade point averages (GPA) during their time at the institution.

Purpose

This document explains how the various grade point averages are calculated.

Policy

The following grade point averages are computed and are used to determine the fulfillment of academic requirements:

Semester grade point average is computed using GPA hours attempted and grade points earned for the semester.

Graduate cumulative grade point average is computed using the total number of graduate GPA hours attempted at Columbus State University and the total number of graduate grade points earned at Columbus State University, regardless of the number of times a course is attempted.

Graduate institutional grade point average is computed by dividing the total number of graduate grade points earned at Columbus State University by the total number of graduate GPA hours attempted at Columbus State University after omitting grades in previous courses which have been taken and repeated at Columbus State University.

Graduate overall grade point average is computed by dividing the total number of graduate grade points earned at Columbus State University and all hours accepted from other institutions by the total number of graduate GPA hours attempted at Columbus State University and all other institutions attended. The Graduate overall GPA will be used to determine both academic standing and graduation except as noted in the Exception Policy.

Graduate program GPA is computed using all program coursework attempted at Columbus State University as well as courses transferred from another institution and applied to the program of study; disregards grades from earlier attempts of any repeated courses except courses that may be repeated for credit.

An explanation of [how to compute a GPA](#) can be found under the Undergraduate Academic Regulations section.

Exception Policy: With the approval of the college Graduate Council/Graduate Appeals Committee and the Dean, a graduate student may change majors one time and have the GPA re-set so that the GPA going forward applies only to the new program of study, i.e. the student will be allowed to use the Graduate Program GPA rather than the overall GPA to determine both Academic Standing and Graduation.

Related USG Policy

3.8.1 General

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Responsible Authority

Registrar's Office