Keys to Academic Success

Tips for understanding GPA, academic policies & strategies for academic success

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GPAs you need to know

- Term GPA
- Overall Combined GPA
- Institution GPA
What are Term, Overall Combined, and Institution GPAs?

Term GPA - based only on class you take in a particular semester (Fall, Spring, or Summer)

Overall Combined GPA - based on ALL grades that you have earned your ENTIRE career at the University of Memphis INCLUDING transfer work.

Institution GPA - based only on class you have taken at the University of Memphis
WHERE CAN I FIND MY GPA?

• Transcript (Official or Unofficial)
• UM Degree
• Navigate
Your GRADES!!

A+  B+  C+
D-  F-
What if I Drop or Withdraw from a Class?

**DROP**

- Drop period is usually the first couple of weeks of the semester*
- Will not appear on your transcript
- No grades assigned and will NOT impact GPA

**WITHDRAW**

- Withdrawal usually immediately after Drop period and last until just after fall/spring break*
- Will appear on your transcript as a “W”
- Will NOT impact GPA

*See the UofM Registrar’s Website for Official Dates and Deadlines
University of Memphis Repeat Policy

You can repeat the class once, and the second grade will replace your first grade.

The third time you take a course, the grade will be averaged with the second grade.

For most academic departments, you can only take a course 3 times. For some majors, you must change your major if you fail a class 3 times.
## Calculate the Following Term GPA

### General Procedure

1. Multiply each credit hour by the corresponding quality points from the grading scale.
2. Add up all the quality points to get the total quality points.
3. Divide the total quality points by the total number of credit hours.

### Course Information

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### Calculations

**Step One**

- 3 x 4 = 12
- 3 x 3.33 = 9.99
- 4 x 1.67 = 6.68
- 3 x 3 = 9

**Step Two**

12 + 9.99 + 6.68 + 9 = 37.67 (total Quality Pts)

**Step Three**

37.67/13 = 2.89

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### The University of Memphis Grading Scale

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Why are GPAs Important?

- Scholarships
- Academic Recognitions
- Eligibility to join certain organizations
- They determine your Academic Status
- Graduation!
Student Academic Success
www.memphis.edu/students

- Academic Support
- Student Life
- Wellness
- Registration
- Ask Questions
Student Success Teams

ASSOC/ASST DEAN
CAREER SPECIALIST
ENROLLMENT SERVICES
ACADEMIC ADVISING
GRADUATION ANALYST

FACULTY
CARES
UM GLOBAL
To Find YOUR Success Team...

1. Go to Student Academic Success Website:
   www.memphis.edu/students

2. Click on “Ask Questions”
To Find YOUR Success Team...

3. Click “CHOOSE YOUR COLLEGE”
To Find YOUR Success Team...

4. Click on your college from the drop down menu
Your Team is there to Help You
Questions?
https://bannerssb.mvsu.edu:9001/prod/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin
Be an Engaged Student

Statisticians have provided data that suggest that students who are more engaged and involved on campus have a greater probability for academic success.
Be an Engaged Student

TigerZone

RSOs

Discover Your

Major Day

Campus Life

Academic Resource Fair

Career Fairs
Attend Class

College isn’t free! You’re wasting money each time you miss a class.

Class is where you get the information that will be on homework, exams, etc.

Engage in class discussions & Ask Questions
Reviewing your Syllabi prior to the start of courses:

• Give you a snapshot of what to expect in your course (*i.e. required assignments, timeline – dates & due dates*)
• Helps you analyze whether you have overloaded yourself with too many HEAVY courses
• Assists with organizing your semester
Be Prepared

Make an honest effort to have ALL books, access codes, & materials for class before class starts.
Continuously Enroll

- Maintain your GPA
  - Avoid C-, D, F
  - What about “W” & “I”

- Know the Academic Standing Policy
  - 2.00 Term and Overall Combined GPA is needed to maintain Good Standing

- Know the Repeat Policy
  - The first repeat replaces the original grade (regardless if you do better or worse)
  - 2nd attempts and beyond are averaged together
“Keep That Same ENGERY”
- Keep feeding the motivation that you start with

Prioritize
- Decide what’s most important and disciple yourself to stay focused and complete tasks
  - Work/Life/School Balance

Ensure that your professor knows your name and you know theirs

“I can give you the best academic strategies for success; however, you have no time to yourself, burnout and lost of passion is inevitable.”
“Who Ya Wit?”
There are studies and research that show that romantic relationships have an impact on academic success.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Center for Academic Retention & Enrichment Services (CARES)

Got questions about withdrawing from your classes at the University?

FALL 2022 WITHDRAWAL WORKSHOP

October 12, 2022 | 3 PM - 4 PM
Meeting ID: 813 0682 5495 / Passcode: 616592

October 13, 2022 | 10 AM - 11 AM
Meeting ID: 875 2313 6760 / Passcode: 663798

Center for Academic Retention & Enrichment Services (CARES)

CANDY CUPCAKES & CONVERSATION

October 31, 2022 | 11 AM - 2 PM
Wilder Tower 500

Meet the CARES Staff
Learn more about the department & resources we can provide to you
Enjoy some of your favorite treats

Open to students, faculty, & staff

Special Presentation at 12:00 pm
Contact Us

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Questions?