

# 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<sup>+</sup>

B<sup>+</sup>

C<sup>+</sup>

D<sup>-</sup>

F<sup>-</sup>

# 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*

# REPEATING COURSES

## 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

THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS GRADING SCALE

GRADE	QUALITY POINTS
A+	4.00
A	4.00
A-	3.84
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
F	0.00

Course	# Credit Hrs	Letter Grade Earned
SPAN 2010	3	A
MATH 1530	3	B+
BIOL 1114	4	C-
PHIL 1100	3	B

## Step One

$$3 \times 4 = 12$$

$$3 \times 3.33 = 9.99$$

$$4 \times 1.67 = 6.68$$

$$3 \times 3 = 9$$

## Step Two

$$12 + 9.99 + 6.68 + 9 = 37.67 \text{ (total Quality Pts)}$$

## Step Three

$$37.67 / 13 = 2.89$$

# Why are GPAs Important?



Scholarships



Academic Recognitions



Eligibility to join certain organizations



They determine your Academic Status



Graduation!



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## Student Success Teams



### What is a Student Success Team?

Team members will leverage their expertise in areas, such as admissions, financial aid, academic advising, etc. to adjust service delivery and policy at the University of Memphis gets a designated Student Success Team. Students can meet with the advisor that meets their corresponding

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# Questions?





# Transcript Reading

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[https://bannerssb.mvsu.edu:9001/prod/twbkwbis.P\\_WWWLogin](https://bannerssb.mvsu.edu:9001/prod/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin)

# Be an Engaged Student

**Statisticians have provide data that suggest that students who are more engaged and involved on campus have greater probability for academic success.**



# Be an Engaged Student

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Career

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Campus

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Life



# 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**



# Review Syllabi

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## 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

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





# Continuously Enroll

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- 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)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> attempts and beyond are averaged together



# Game Plan

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## **“Keep That Same ENGERY”**

- Keep feeding the motivation that you start with

## **Prioritize**

- Decide what’s most important and discipline 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?”



# **“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*



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## 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  
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treats*

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