Keys to Academic Success

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

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GPA
Your GRADES!!

A+  B+  C+

D-  F-
GPAs you need to know:

- Term GPA
- Overall Combined GPA
- Institution GPA
WHERE CAN I FIND MY GPA?

Transcript (Official or Unofficial)

UM Degree

Navigate
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.
Why are GPAs Important?

- Scholarships
- Academic Recognitions
- Eligibility to join certain organizations
- They determine your Academic Status
- Graduation!
UofM 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.
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*
Graduation is the Goal
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.
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

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.
Game Plan

“Keep That Same ENGERGY”
• 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

CWC @ CARES DAYS
SEPT 21 & OCT 2
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