



UCalgary Law – GPA FAQs

The information provided here is for reference only, if you wish to estimate your GPA. The Student Services office will not fulfill requests to calculate and/or confirm your GPA.

GPA Conversion Table

4.0 Scale	Letter Grade	4.33 Scale	Percentage*	9 Point Scale **
4.00	A+	4.33		
4.00	A	4.00	98 - 100	9.0
3.90			91 - 97	
3.80			81 - 90	
3.70	A-	3.70	80	8.0
3.60			79	
3.50			78	
3.40			77	
3.30	B+	3.30	76	7.0
3.20			75	
3.10			74	
3.00	B	3.00	73	
2.90			72	
2.80			71	
2.70	B-	2.70	70	6.0
2.60			69	
2.50			68	
2.40			67	
2.30	C+	2.30	66	
2.20			65	
2.10			64	
2.00	C	2.00	63	5.0
1.90			62	
1.80			61	
1.70	C-	1.70	60	
1.60			59	
1.50			58	
1.45			57	
1.40			56	
1.35			55	
1.30	D+	1.30	54	4.0
1.25			53	
1.20			52	
1.10			51	
1.00	D	1.00	50	
0.00	F	0.00	≤49	≤3.0

*Not used if a letter grade is available

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Which grades will be used in the GPA?

Your GPA will be based on a minimum of the last 60 units (credits) of your undergraduate studies, up to December 31 of the year you submit your application.

How do I determine my last 60 units?

To calculate your GPA:

1. Start counting with the undergraduate course you most recently completed, up to December 31 of the year you submit your application.
2. Count out 60 units, in reverse chronological order.
3. Semesters are not broken up, so use all of the grades from the semester that contains the 60th unit course you counted. This means that you may have slightly more than 60 units in your GPA.

What is 60 units?

Units are a measurement system used to indicate the weight of a course. Most courses are worth 3 units (half course). Some schools may use a different credit system, e.g. where 3 units are assigned 0.5 or 1.0 credits. We will make adjustments as necessary to ensure accurate weighting.

Will grades from my master's/PhD/diploma/certificate/continuing education program be included in the GPA?

No, only undergraduate courses completed either through a bachelor's degree program or open studies may be used in the GPA calculation. Continuing education, diploma, certificate, and graduate courses cannot be used in the GPA calculation.

While they will not be used in the GPA itself, grades obtained from non-undergraduate courses will still be viewed on your transcripts.

Will a GPA be calculated for an international bachelor's degree?

With the exception of undergraduate work completed in the US, GPAs will not be calculated for international bachelor's degrees; grades will instead be viewed solely on your transcript.

Are grades from an international exchange used in the GPA?

With the exception of undergraduate work completed in the US, grades from an international exchange will not be used in your GPA. Please note that we will still need a transcript that shows the courses and grades you received during the exchange.

How about Study Abroad courses?

If the course was offered by your home institution, and not by an exchange partner institution, then it is eligible for use in your GPA.

Are courses with grades of "pass" or "credit" be used in the GPA?

No, we will skip over "pass" and "credit" notations and keep counting.

What if I repeated a course?

How a repeated course is used in the GPA depends on whether both or only one of the grades fall within the last 60 units:

- If both fall within the last 60 units, only the highest grade will be used in the GPA.
- If one of the courses fall within the last 60 units, we use that grade and disregard the grade that falls outside the last 60 units.

What if I attended multiple schools?

We will look at all of your transcripts to determine which undergraduate courses fall within your last 60 units, so your GPA may include undergraduate courses from multiple post-secondary institutions.

Can spring/summer courses be included in the GPA?

Yes, as long as they are undergraduate courses and are completed before December 31 of the year you submit your application.

What if I returned to school for another bachelor's degree, or took more undergraduate courses after I graduated?

We use your last 60 undergraduate units in your GPA, even if you took them in open studies after graduating, or went back for another bachelor's degree. In fact, this is exactly what we recommend doing if you want to raise your GPA.

How can I raise my GPA?

To raise your GPA, you need to take more undergraduate courses, either through another bachelor's degree program or open studies. Courses must be completed no later than December 31 of the year you submit your application to be considered.

Please note that continuing education, diploma, certificate, and graduate courses cannot be used in the GPA calculation.

COVID-19 GPA Questions:

What is the COVID-19 GPA policy for Winter 2020?

In response to the wide-spread variation in grading policy at academic institutions in response to COVID-19 in the Winter 2020 semester, we will discount any credit/no credit or grades of D+ or under in the GPA calculation based on an applicant's last 60 units. This means the GPA calculation may be based on between 45 and 60 units depending on the individual applicant's Winter 2020 transcript.

This change is intended to be as fair as possible to students who did receive grades to be able to use them towards their GPA calculation and those students who did not receive grades either by choice or institutional policy.

Why does the COVID-19 GPA policy not include terms after Winter 2020?

The Winter 2020 term was suddenly and unexpectedly disrupted mid-semester. In all subsequent terms, students chose to register knowing that social distancing measures would affect course delivery. All grades from these semesters, including "credit," will be treated as normal for GPA calculations.

I have been given the option to change one of my grades to CR. Will this negatively affect my law school application?

Having a grade of "pass" or "credit" will not affect your application. Many courses were graded with credit/no credit prior to the pandemic. With the exception of the Winter 2020 term, we will skip over "pass" and "credit" notations and keep counting to identify your last 60 units.