

Grades and Calculating GPA

Academic Progress can refer to hours completed, but it also includes the important area of grades and grade point average (GPA). Grades determine the difference between being in good academic standing and not, being eligible for academic honors, meeting major and extracurricular activity requirements, and can affect future endeavors after graduation. As a general policy, the minimum GPA required to maintain good academic standing is a 2.000 overall GPA, but as students think more about grades, effort can be made to achieve the highest academic goals. It is always your responsibility, as the student, to track your GPA throughout the semester and "stay on target" for a successful academic year.

Grading Scale and GPA Calculation

Advising has provided a work sheet and GPA calculator on its website (<http://cms.bsu.edu/Academics/Advising/AcademicProgress/GradesGPA.aspx>) to help you understand how an overall grade point is calculated. The link is on the right side of the webpage. Use the GPA Calculation Form to see the grading scale and how numerical grade points are computed, and to estimate your GPA. Students will have both a semester GPA and an Overall, or Accumulative GPA each term grades are reported. If you are concerned about your grades and/or GPA, see your Academic Advisor to discuss available support services.

Another alternative to calculate GPA

- Go to www.back2college.com/gpa.htm
- Enter your Course, Credit Hours, and Letter Grade.
- Then click "Calculate your GPA"

For Online Students – Learn how to access your grades through Blackboard, Gradebook, or rGrades. Remember, the Help Desk is also available for technical Blackboard assistance. Call (765) 285-1517 for more information.