



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES POLICY

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| SUBJECT: Grading System | TITLE: Grade Point Average Calculation |
| AMENDED: May 2011 | |

I. PURPOSE

This policy specifies the method for determining grade point average at GSBS.

II. ACCOUNTABILITY

Under the direction of the GSBS Dean, the Manager of Enrollment and Student Academic Services shall have responsibility for this policy.

III. POLICY

The method of determining grade point average for GSBS is as follows: Each course's semester credit hours with an "A" grade is multiplied by 4.0 quality points; "B+" grade by 3.5 quality points; "B" grade by 3.0 quality points; "C+" grade by 2.5 quality points; "C" grade by 2.0 quality points; "D" grade by 1 quality point (for "D" grades earned prior to the Fall 2011 semester) and "F" grade by 0.0. The total number of quality points divided by total of semester hour credits completed constitutes the grade point average.

Quality Points Example:

A student who takes a 3 credit course and earns a grade of "A" receives a total of 12 quality points for that course (grade of "A" is valued at 4 quality points; 4 quality points x 3 credits = total of 12 quality points.) If the student had earned a grade of "B" in the same 3 credit course the total quality points would have been 9 (grade of "B" valued at 3 quality points x 3 credits).

GPA Calculation Example:

A student who has completed a total of 30 credits and who has a total of 116.50 quality points has a GPA of 3.88 which is calculated by dividing 116.50 by 30.

Transfer credits and credits for courses graded Satisfactory or Pass, while included in earned credits, are not included in the GPA hours or the GPA calculation as they do not have any point value.

Repetition of any course results in both the original grade and the new grade appearing on the transcript; however, the quality points from the earlier grade are not calculated into the student's cumulative grade point average.