

Academic Continuation Evaluation Enriched Support Program

Carleton uses a 12-point grade system to calculate cumulative grade point averages (CGPA) and determine whether you are meeting the university's academic standards.

Here's the guide to Carleton's grade point system:

Letter grade	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
% grade	90-100	85-89	80-84	77-79	73-76	70-72	67-69	63-66	60-62	57-59	53-56	50-52	0-49
Grade point	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Percent grades are recorded as letter grades with an associated grade point. The grade points are used to calculate your cumulative (i.e. across all courses in all terms) grade point average CGPA ([click for more](#) on how to figure out your CGPA). Your CGPA is used to determine your admissibility to a degree program, but also to assess your academic standing through the **ACE** process.

What is ACE? The Academic Continuation Evaluation (ACE) is used to assess your academic standing after each term of study.

Who sends this? The Registrar's Office: 302 Tory, 613-520-3500, registrar@carleton.ca

What can I expect? According to the [Undergraduate Calendar](#), as Special-ESP students:

- You'll receive your first ACE once you have completed **2.0 credits** since the your most recent term of admission to ESP;
 - Note: if you haven't completed 2.0 credits yet, your ACE status will be "NA" which means "No Assessment" because you haven't completed enough courses to require an evaluation.*
- After that, you'll receive an ACE at the end of each term, provided you have completed a course.
- The result of an ACE is one of these: *Eligible to Continue* (EC), *Academic Warning* (AW), or *Required to Withdraw for Two Terms* (WT).

Eligible to Continue (EC): this means that you are in good standing and your overall CGPA meets or exceeds the minimum 3.00 (D+) required for continuation, i.e. you can continue taking courses. (*Note: the criteria for admission to a degree is higher than D+; please consult the [ESP Student Guide](#) for details.*)

Academic Warning (AW): you will be placed on AW if

- Your overall CGPA is at least 1.00 (D-) but less than 3.00 (D+), and you were *Eligible to Continue* (EC) before the evaluation (or if this is your first evaluation);
- If you have taken previous credits:* and your previous evaluation was *Academic Warning* (AW), you'll remain on AW if your Term GPA for the current evaluation is 3.00 (D+) or greater but your Overall CGPA is less than 3.00 (D+).

Required to Withdraw for Two Terms (WT): you will receive an evaluation of WT if:

- you are on *Academic Warning* (AW) and do not achieve a Term GPA of 3.00; or,
- your CGPA is less than 1.00 at the time of any Academic Continuation Evaluation.

If you receive an ACE assessment of *Required to Withdraw for Two Terms* (WT) that means you may not return to Special studies or reapply to ESP for two terms.

CGPA Requirements (degree students)

ACE for Degree students

What average do I need to earn once I'm in a degree?

Once you're in a degree program, the grade point requirements change over your years of study. This table shows you what **most** (but not all) programs require to be eligible to continue in your current program.

Check your Statement of Standing (you'll get this with your Offer of Admission) or your [Degree Audit](#) (you'll be able to access one in Carleton Central once you're in a program) for details about what your program requires.

Table 1: Standard Minimum CGPA Requirements to be *Eligible to Continue* (EC)

Program of Study	Fewer than 5.5 credits complete	Between 5.5 and 15.25 credits complete	15.5 or more credits complete	Graduation
Honours	n/a	Overall 4.00	Overall 5.00 (see Note 3 below)	Overall 5.00 Major 6.50
BAS Design	n/a	Overall 4.00	Overall 4.00	Overall 4.00
Engineering	n/a	Overall 5.00	Overall 5.00	Overall 5.00
BID	n/a	Overall 3.50	Overall 4.00	Overall 4.00
15 Credit Non-Honours	n/a	Overall 4.00	n/a	Overall 4.00 Major 4.00
20 Credit Non-Honours	n/a	Overall 4.00	Overall 4.00	Overall 4.00 Major 4.00
Minimum CGPA Requirements – ACE				

[Click here to learn more](#) about what this means for your term Academic Continuation Evaluation.

Notes:

1. Credits Complete includes courses where you earn either passing or a failing grade but does not include courses that you withdraw from.
2. Some Honours programs may have different minimum Overall and/or Major CGPA requirements from those indicated above. Programs with exceptions are listed here: [Section 3.2.7 Additional ACE Information for Certain Degrees](#).
3. Once you have completed 15.5 credits, you should refer to [Section 3.4.6 Minimum CGPA Requirements for Graduation](#) of the *Academic Regulations of the University* for important information about the Major CGPA assessment.

What about Minors, Concentrations, and Specializations?

A CGPA is also calculated over the courses contributing to any Minor, Concentration, or Specialization. Some departments may enforce minimum CGPA requirements for continuation in these program elements; consult the specific program requirements (and/or your [Audit](#)) for information.