

How to Calculate your CGPA

Enriched Support Program

Carleton uses a 12-point grade system to calculate cumulative grade point averages (CGPA).

Here's the guide to convert letter grades or numbers 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

*Please note that half credit courses are weighted at 0.5 credits. Therefore, when Carleton converts your grade for a half credit course to a grade point, they assign half the value (0.5) of the total grade point.

- For example, if you received a B+ in Psychology, PSYC 1001 (0.5 credits), then your grade point is recorded as a 4.5 for that half credit ($9.0 \times 0.5 = 4.5$).

Example: Converting grades into grade points.

	Course	Credit value	% grade	Letter grade	Grade point
Course 1	FYSM 1900	1.0	82	A-	10.0
Course 2	PSYC 1001	0.5	61	C-	2.0
Course 3	PSYC 1002	0.5	73	B	4.0
Course 4	SOCI 1001	0.5	86	A	5.5
Course 5	PSCI 1200	0.5	63	C	2.5
Total		3.0 credits			24
24 (total grade points) / 3.0 (total credits) = 8.0 CGPA or B					

Your grades: Fill in the chart with your grades and courses.

	Course	Credit value	% grade	Letter grade	Grade point
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4					
Course 5					
Total					
Total grade points / Total credits = ____ CGPA					

For admission to most [Bachelor of Arts](#) programs, if you *have completed* 3.0 full credits, you will need a **C+ average or a total of 18 grade points**.*

*If you've taken courses at Carleton before, have other post-secondary education, or want to qualify for limited enrollment programs, you may have additional or different requirements. Ask for details at your advising appointment.

Admission CGPA Requirements

Degree Admission

Please see ESP to Degree handouts or the [ESP Student Guide](#) on our website for requirements for **your degree of interest**. Below are the minimum requirements to earn admission to a degree (normally a Bachelor of Arts program). The degree you are interested in may have higher requirements. Talk to your ESP Advisor about your goals.

You'll need to complete at least 2.0 credits before you can be considered for admission to a program.

The average you require will depend on the number of credits you have completed. Need more credits? Enroll in the summer or return to ESP next year. ESP students will be considered for admission to most Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) programs after completion of:

Number of credits completed	CGPA required
2.0 full credits (or the equivalent)	8.0 (B) or higher, or
2.5 full credits (or the equivalent)	7.00 (B-) or higher, or
3.0 full credits (or the equivalent)	6.00 (C+) or higher, or
3.5 full credits (or the equivalent)	5.00 (C) or higher, or
4.0 full credits or more	would be Eligible to Continue if admitted (see ACE : normally C-)

Some B.A programs have higher CGPA requirements and/or additional requirements (such as a portfolio or a prerequisite subject). Consult an ESP Advisor.

What happens if I fail a course?

If this happens, talk to an Advisor about your options. It likely will mean that you'll need to take more courses before you are eligible for a program.

What happens if I don't get the required average?

You may have options depending on your circumstances.

- a) If you earn below a D- average, you may be [Required to Withdraw for Two Terms \(WT\)](#) from studies and need to take time away from study at Carleton. You may appeal to return as a special student after the two-term period.
- b) If you are not suspended, you may:
 - ✓ take a [summer](#) course(s) to raise your average (*often* admissions can use a grade from the summer semester for programs that aren't yet full)
 - ✓ [apply](#) to second year ESP (attendance & grades count toward your eligibility to return)
 - ✓ continue as a [special student](#) (with a max. course load of 1.0 credit per term)