

How To Calculate Your C.G.P.A.

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
Percent 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. So 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 4.0 for that half credit ($8.0 \times 0.5 = 4.0$).

Example: Convert your current grades into grade points:

Course	Grade	Grade point
Course 1: History	C	5
Course 2: FYSM	79% = B+	9
Course 3: Law	72% = B-	7
Total:		21
$21 \text{ (total grade points)} \div 3.0 \text{ (total credits)} = 7.0 \text{ GPA (or B-)}$		



Your Grades: fill in the chart with your own grades and courses:

Course	Grade	Grade point
Course 1:		
Course 2:		
Course 3:		
Course 4:		
Course 5:		
Course 6:		
Total:		
$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ (total grade points)} \div \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ (total credits)} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ GPA}$		

For admission to most **BA** 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 your ESP/AESP year, have other post-secondary education, or want into limited enrollment programs, you may have additional or different requirements. You should ask for details at your advising appointment.*

Admission CGPA Requirements

Degree admission

Please see ESP/AESP to Degree handouts or the Student Guide on our website for requirements for your degree of interest. Below are the minimum requirements to earn admission to a degree. The degree you are interested in may have higher requirements. Talk to your ESP/AESP Advisor.

You'll need to complete at least 2.0 credits before you can be considered for admission to a program (unless you meet the definition of "mature student"- consult with an Advisor regarding mature student regulations).

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/AESP next year. ESP/AESP students will be considered for admission to most BA programs after completion of:

Number of credits completed	Cumulative GPA required
2.0 full credits (or the equivalent)	8.0 (B) or higher
2.5 full credits (or the equivalent)	7.00 (B-) or higher
3.0 full credits (or the equivalent)	6.00 (C+) or higher
3.5 full credits (or the equivalent)	5.00 (C) or higher
4.0 full credits or more	with a status of Good Standing if admitted (see the APE)

Some B.A programs have higher CGPA requirements and/or additional requirements (such as a portfolio). Consult an ESP/AESP 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'll be suspended from studies and need to take a year away from study at Carleton. You may appeal to return as a special student after the one year 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/AESP (attendance & grades count toward your eligibility to return)
 - ✓ continue as a special student (with a max. course load of 1.0 credit per term)