

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. 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 4.0 for that half credit (8.0 x 0.5 = 4.0).

Example: Convert your current grades into grade points:

Course	Grade	Grade point
Course 1: HUMR 1001 (1.0 credit)	63% = C	5
Course 2: FYSM 1900 (1.0 credit)	79% = B+	9
Course 3: LAWS 1001 (0.5 credit)	72% = C+	3
Course 4: LAWS 1002 (0.5 credit)	76% = B	4
Total:		21
$21 \text{ (total grade points)} / 3.0 \text{ (total credits)} = 7.0 \text{ GPA (or B-)}$		



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:		
$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ (total grade points)} / \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ (total credits)} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ GPA}$		

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 your ESP/IESP year, have other post-secondary education, or want to qualify for 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/IESP 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 (normally a Bachelor of Arts program). The degree you are interested in may have higher requirements. Talk to your ESP/IESP 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/IESP next year. ESP/IESP students will be considered for admission to most Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) 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 or a prerequisite subject). Consult an ESP/IESP 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 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/IESP (attendance & grades count toward your eligibility to return)
 - ✓ continue as a [special student](#) (with a max. course load of 1.0 credit per term)