

## Academic Regulation - Office of the Provost

**CATEGORY:** STUDENT AFFAIRS  
**SECTION:** University Grading  
**SUBJECT:** University Cumulative Quality Point Average (QPA) and Grade Point Average (GPA)  
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### I. SCOPE

This policy establishes the University Cumulative Quality Point Average (QPA) and Grade Point Average (GPA).

### II. POLICY

Until August 2005, the University cumulative Quality Point Average (QPA) used for internal purposes and external reporting was that calculation associated with all University of Pittsburgh courses relevant to the student's degree goal(s). The QPA appears on both the student's Transcript and Academic Record for records maintained in the Integrated Student Information System (ISIS).

The cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) is based upon all University of Pittsburgh credits completed at the Career Level in accordance with the University Grading Policy. Until August 2005, the GPA appeared only on the student's Academic Record. Effective with the Fall 2005 term and the implementation of the new student administration system (PeopleSoft), the cumulative GPA will appear on the student's Transcript. Effective with the Fall 2005 term, a requirement-specific GPA, calculated either based upon courses used to satisfy a major requirement or based upon a specified subset of courses that satisfy requirements through the academic advisement process, will be available to academic departments for purposes related to advising, awarding honors, etc.

### III. REFERENCE

Academic Regulation: Grading System\*

\* Note: This academic regulation was replaced by the [University Grading](#) Academic Regulation, effective May 1, 2024.