

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Amy Nielsen, Executive Secretary  
Faculty Senate

**FROM:** Becky Bitter, Registrar's Office

**FOR:** Academic Affairs Committee

**DATE:** 27 September 2019

**SUBJECT:** Proposal to Revise Rule 100, The Grade Point System

At its meeting on September 24, 2019, AAC approved a proposal to revise Rule 100. The revision is one of several being proposed by the Registrar's Office in order to consolidate information in the *WSU Catalog*.

Currently, information about academic regulations and policy is presented in two places in the catalog: 1) under the 'Summary of Academic Policy' section and 2) under the 'Academic Regulation' section. This results in duplication, inconsistency, and the potential for confusion. In some cases, helpful information from the summary of academic policy section could be added to the regulation.

In this case, the revision adds text from the summary of academic policy section about how the GPA is calculated for the benefit of students and others:

## 100. THE GRADE POINT SYSTEM

- A provides 4.0 grade points per credit hour.
- A- provides 3.7 grade points per credit hour.
- B+ provides 3.3 grade points per credit hour.
- B provides 3.0 grade points per credit hour.
- B- provides 2.7 grade points per credit hour.
- C+ provides 2.3 grade points per credit hour.
- C provides 2.0 grade points per credit hour.
- C- provides 1.7 grade points per credit hour.
- D+ provides 1.3 grade points per credit hour.
- D provides 1.0 grade points per credit hour.
- F provides no credit or grade points.  
(Credits attempted are calculated in GPA)
- P credit given—grade points not calculated.
- S credit given—grade points not calculated.

- M credit given—grade points not calculated.
- H credit given—grade points not calculated.
- I provides no credit or grade points.
- W provides no credit or grade points.
- X provides no credit or grade points.
- U provides no credit or grade points.

The student’s grade point average (GPA) is computed by dividing grade points earned by the number of credit hours attempted. Credits attempted for F grades are calculated into the GPA. Grades P, S, M, and H do not carry grade points, and the credit hours are not calculated into the GPA. Transfer and other nonresident credit are not computed in the Washington State University grade point average.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Grade points</u>
ENGLISH 301	3	A	12.0
BIOLOGY 333	3	C-	5.1
SOC 420	3	B+	9.9
MUS 491	2	P	
SOC 499	4	S	

Credit hours attempted (9) divided into total grade points earned (27) = GPA (3.00). Total hours earned: 15.

Note: P and S grades yield no grade points, thus are excluded from the GPA calculation.

At this time, Faculty Senate review and approval is recommended, to be effective fall 2020.