

MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Hudelson, Executive Secretary
Faculty Senate

FROM: Becky Bitter, Registrar’s Office

FOR: Registrar’s Office

DATE: 14 October 2020

SUBJECT: Proposal to Revise Rule 100, the Grade Point System

On October 13, 2020, AAC approved a revision to Rule 100, the Grade Point System, in order to provide information about rounding the GPA. The revision also corrects the list of grades to include the ‘H’ grade used in the College of Medicine and College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

As illustrated below, myWSU displays the grade points and the units taken toward the GPA with three numbers following the decimal point. WSU follows the standard practice of rounding to two decimals for the transcript. The third decimal point follows standard rounding conversion to derive the final GPA. On the transcript, the rounded GPA below, 2.740, is presented as 2.74.

GPA Calculation	cumulative
Total Grade Points	295.400
/ Units Taken Toward GPA	108.000
= GPA	2.740

The following revision includes the ‘H’ grade and rounding statement.

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.
- H credit given—grade points not calculated.
- M 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 credits attempted. Credits attempted for F grades are calculated into the GPA. Grades P, S, M, and H do not carry grade points, and the credits are not calculated into the GPA. Transfer and other nonresident credit are not computed in the Washington State University grade point average.

Course	Credits	Grade	Grade points
ENGLISH 301	3	A	12.000
BIOLOGY 333	3	D+	3.900
SOC 420	3	B+	9.900
MUS 491	2	P	
SOC 499	4	S	

- Credits attempted, excluding those yielding no grade points, equal 9, and divided into total grade points earned, 25.8 = GPA (2.866).
- The third decimal point is rounded one decimal place to result in a final GPA of 2.870. The WSU transcript displays two decimal points, 2.87.
- The number 5 is rounded up following standard rounding rules.

At this time, Faculty Senate review and approval is recommended, to be effective fall 2021.