

## Department of Mechanical Engineering – International GPA Conversion

We require that each international applicant compute his/her own Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) from the formula:

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\sum_{\text{course}} (\text{course units} \times \text{grade points per unit})}{\sum_{\text{course}} (\text{course units})}$$

Please keep in mind the following specifications:

1. The courses to be included in the computation of your GPA are all courses for which a grade has been awarded. If your transcript contains your GPA, that is sufficient. However, it should be converted to the four-point system.
2. The four-point system means that a 4 grade point per unit corresponds to a grade of "A" (outstanding), 3 points to be a "B" (good), 2 points to a "C" (satisfactory), 1 point to a "D" (barely passing) and 0 points for an "F" grade (failing). If your university assigns plus and minus grades, these then are to be used in the computation with + = +0.3 and -- = -0.3. Thus, if a "B" is 3.0, a "B+" is 3.3 and a "B-" is 2.7. (Please note that the University of California does not recognize the letter grade of "A+", i.e., "A+" is 4.0.)
3. If your institution uses a grading system based on percentage or class honors, please use the following class rank percentages to convert each class evaluation to a letter grade and then proceed as above to compute your equivalent four-point system GPA.

A Plus	A	A-	B Plus	B	B-	C Plus	C	C-	D Plus	D	D-
Top	next	next	next	next	next	next	next	next	next	next	bottom
5%	5%	5%	10%	10%	15%	15%	10%	10%	5%	5%	5%