



Calculation of GPA and Academic Warnings

GPA and Grade

Semester GPA is the result of dividing the total grade points earned by the total number of units studied in an academic semester. This is counted by multiplying the number of units by the grade value obtained by a student in the course.

Cumulative GPA is the result of dividing the total grade points earned in all courses by the total number of units studied since a student joined the university.

The grade a student earns in each course is calculated as follows:

Percentage	Grade Description	Grade symbol	GPA value
95 – 100	Exceptional	A+	5.00
90 – 94	Excellent	A	4.75
85 – 89	Superior	B+	4.50
80 – 84	Very Good	B	4.00
75 – 79	Above Average	C+	3.50
70 – 74	Good	C	3.00
65 – 69	High Pass	D+	2.50
60 – 64	Pass	D	2.00
Less than 60	Fail	F	1.00

A student's cumulative GPA at graduation is calculated as follows:

- 1- (**Excellent**) if the cumulative GPA is between 4.50 and 5.00.
- 2- (**Very good**) if the cumulative GPA is between 3.75 and 4.50.
- 3- (**Good**) if the cumulative GPA is between 2.75 and 3.75.
- 4- (**Pass**) if the cumulative GPA is between 2.00 and 2.75.

To earn first and second honors at graduation, it is stipulated that:

1. A student did not fail any course inside the university or in another university.
2. A student completed all graduation requirements in an average period between the minimum and maximum periods of studying at the university.
3. A second honors degree is awarded to a graduate student with a cumulative GPA between (4.25) and (4.75).
4. A student studied not less 60% of the graduation.
5. A first honors degree is awarded to a graduate student with a cumulative GPA between (4.75) and (5.00).

Note: cheating, attempt to cheat, violating exemption regulations or rules are matters for which the student is punished according to the disciplinary bylaw.

Academic ultimatums

Definition of academic ultimatum is the decline of a student's cumulative GPA down the low limit shown in the bylaw, i.e. (2.00) out of (5.00) (Except for the College of Engineering, the minimum = 2.75). Earning less than (2.00) cumulative GPA means receiving an academic ultimatum.

Consequences of academic ultimatum:

If a student gets an academic ultimatum, he/she will be subject to the following:

1. The monthly stipend is suspended till the cumulative GPA rises above (2.00).
2. Dismissal from university after the third ultimatum.
3. Inability to transfer to another specialization after the third ultimatum.
4. A student cannot get the first honors at graduation after the first ultimatum.

Study period:

Regular obligatory period for a student to graduate is eight semesters. If a student exceeds this period, he/she is dismissed from the university because of having all the regular period to finish graduation requirements.

Note: The semesters that are not counted from the regular period of stay at the university are: summer, interruption, postponement, and the semester in which the student is dismissed because of the duration or rate.

Exceptional opportunity:

Exceptional opportunity is enabling the student who is academically dismissed - and who deserves the opportunity according to the bylaw - to study a whole semester either to raise his/her cumulative GPA to (2.00) or to finish the graduation requirements. These opportunities are as follows:

1. The academically dismissed student - because of receiving three consequent academic ultimatums - is given a fourth opportunity for those who can raise their GPA by studying the available courses.
2. If a student is given a fourth opportunity, it is possible to give him/her fifth and sixth opportunities to raise his/her cumulative GPA on the consent of the university board provided that it is possible to benefit from these two opportunities.
3. This opportunity is given to a student who is dismissed from the university because of finishing the regular period (eight semesters) (four additional semesters) to finish the graduation requirements.
4. If a student completes 16 semesters and does not graduate, he/she can be given an exceptional opportunity of two additional semesters (total 18 semesters) on the consent of the university board to finish the graduation requirements provided that it is possible to benefit from this opportunity.

Calculating GPA and Academic Ultimatums

First Semester

Course	Number of units	Percentage	Grade	GPA value	Points
Course: A	2	85	B+	4.50	9
Course: B	3	70	C	3.00	9
Course: C	3	92	A	4.75	14.25
Course: D	4	80	B	4.00	16
Total	12	-	-	-	48.25
Second semester GPA =	$\frac{\text{Total of grade points (48.25)}}{\text{Total of number of units (12)}}$				4.02

Second Semester

Course	Number of units	Percentage	Grade	GPA value	Points
Course: E	2	96	A+	5.00	10
Course: F	3	83	B	4.00	12
Course: G	3	71	C	3.00	12
Course: H	4	81	B	4.00	12
Total	12	-	-	-	46
Second semester GPA =	$\frac{\text{Total of grade points (46)}}{\text{Total of number of units (12)}}$				3.83
Cumulative GPA =	$\frac{\text{Total of grade points (46 + 48.25)}}{\text{Total of number of units (12 + 12)}}$				3.83