

GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND AWARD OF HONOURS AND DISTINCTION

CURRENT GRADE POINT STRUCTURE

The following shows the grade points associated with grades **currently** in use at the University.

Used in GPA calculation			
Grade	Description	Pass/Fail Indicator	Grade Point
A+	Pass with Distinction	P	9
A	Pass with Distinction	P	8
A-	Pass with Distinction	P	7
B+	Pass with Merit	P	6
B	Pass with Merit	P	5
B-	Pass with Merit	P	4
C+	Pass	P	3
C	Pass	P	2
C-	Pass	P	1
D	Specified Fail	F	0
E	Unspecified Fail	F	0
CO	Conceded Pass	P	0
DNC	Did Not Complete	F	0
DNS	Did Not Complete	F	0

Not used in GPA calculation		
Grade	Description	Pass/Fail Indicator
M	Pass with Merit	P
P	Pass	P
Y	Yet to Pass	F
F	Unspecified Fail	F
ABS	Absent	F
WDR	Withdrawn	W
W	Withdrawn	W
S	Aegrotat Pass	P
PT	Pass Terminating	P
DSN	Disrupted Study – Not Completed	F
DS	Disrupted Study - Fail	F

CALCULATING THE GPA

The weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated by multiplying the grade point achieved by the number of points for the paper. The multiplied figures are then added together, and divided by the total number of points. The GPA should be worked out to three decimal places. When the value calculated falls between two values then it is rounded up or down to the nearest whole number. E.g. 6.5 is rounded up to 7 (A-) but 6.499 is rounded down to 6 (B+).

For example:

Paper code	Grade	Grade Point	Paper Points		
375001	A-	7	15	7 x 15 =	105
485000	A	8	15	8 x 15 =	120
215020	A-	7	15	7 x 15 =	105
365000	D	0	15	0 x 15 =	0
305001	C+	3	30	3 x 30 =	90
	Totals:		90		420

- Total points studied = 90
- Total grade values x points = 420
- $420 / 90 = 4.666$
- **4.666 rounds to a GPA of 5 which equates to a grade of B**

DETERMINING LEVEL OF HONOURS

For a master's degree **with** an independent research project of at least 40 points (e.g. MBus), completed within the normal time limit allowed, the award of Honours will be made by taking into account all grades for papers/thesis/dissertation (subject to Part 9, Section 3, Sub-section 5 of the AUT Calendar) and will be made in the following classes:

First Class	with a GPA of 6.5 or higher
Second Class, First Division	with a GPA of 5.5-6.49
Second Class, Second Division	with a GPA of 3.5-5.49

For a master's degree **without** an independent research project of at least 40 points (e.g. MBA), completed within the normal time limit allowed, the award of Honours will be made by taking into account all grades for papers in the degree (subject to Part 9, Section 3, Sub-section 6 of the AUT Calendar) and will be made in the following classes:

Distinction	with a GPA of 6.5 or higher
Merit	with a GPA of 5.5-6.49

For a one year bachelor's degree with honours **with** an independent research component of at least 30 points (e.g. BSc(Hons)), completed within the normal time limit allowed, the award of Honours will be made by taking into account all grades for papers (subject to Part 9, Section 5, Sub-section 5 of the AUT Calendar) and will be made in the following classes:

First Class	with a GPA of 6.5 or higher
Second Class, First Division	with a GPA of 5.5-6.49
Second Class, Second Division	with a GPA of 3.5-5.49

For 4 year Honours programmes (e.g. BEng(Hons), LLB(Hons), BAdvSc(Hons)) refer to the relevant faculty and programme regulations in the Academic Calendar for specific details.