

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Credit Accumulation and Transfer Policy –
Calculation of Grade Point Average

‘Grade Point Average’ or ‘GPA’ is a numerical measure of a candidate’s academic achievement over a specified period of time, and is calculated by the total of the product of grade points earned for each course attempted (including failed courses) and its credit value being divided by the total number of credits attempted:

$$GPA = \frac{\sum_i \text{Course Grade Point} \times \text{Course Credit Value}}{\sum_i \text{Course Credit Value}}$$

(where ‘i’ is the number of all passed and failed courses taken by the student over a specified period)

‘Semester Grade Point Average’ or ‘SGPA’ is the GPA in respect of courses attempted by a candidate (including failed courses) during a given semester:

$$SGPA = \frac{\sum_j \text{Course Grade Point} \times \text{Course Credit Value}}{\sum_j \text{Course Credit Value}}$$

(where ‘j’ is the number of all passed and failed courses taken by the student during a given semester)

‘Year Grade Point Average’ or ‘YGPA’ is the GPA in respect of courses attempted by a candidate (including failed courses) during a given academic year:

$$YGPA = \frac{\sum_k \text{Course Grade Point} \times \text{Course Credit Value}}{\sum_k \text{Course Credit Value}}$$

(where ‘k’ is the number of all passed and failed courses taken by the student during a given academic year)

‘Cumulative Grade Point Average’ or ‘CGPA’ is the GPA in respect of courses attempted by a candidate (including failed courses) at the time of calculation:

$$CGPA = \frac{\sum_l \text{Course Grade Point} \times \text{Course Credit Value}}{\sum_l \text{Course Credit Value}}$$

(where ‘l’ is the number of all passed and failed courses taken by the student up to the time of calculation of the CGPA)

‘Graduation Grade Point Average’ or ‘GGPA’ is the GPA in respect of courses attempted by a candidate (including failed courses) at the point of graduation:

$$GGPA = \frac{\sum_l \text{Course Grade Point} \times \text{Course Credit Value}}{\sum_l \text{Course Credit Value}}$$

(where ‘l’ is the number of all passed and failed courses taken by the student at the point of graduation)

subject to the proviso that for undergraduate students in the 2017-18 intake and thereafter who have successfully completed six Common Core courses, either five Common Core courses with the highest grades (covering all four Areas of Inquiry), or all six courses will be counted towards GGPA, depending on which generates the higher GGPA.

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