

Calculating the UC/CSU GPA

Calculating the UC/CSU GPA is something that can be complicated and time-consuming. The following is a step-by-step process of how to calculate all of the different versions of the UC/CSU GPA. In order to accurately do this, you will need a copy of the student's transcript; all of the UC approved course lists from all of the high schools the student attended, and this worksheet.

Step #1

Count the number of semester grades (As, Bs, Cs, Ds and Fs) received in all UC approved a-g courses (using the UC approved a-g list) in the 10th through 12th grade. The total number of semester grades becomes the **Total # of Semesters**. Enter that number in the chart below.

Tips to Remember:

- Freshman grades are not counted.
- Ignore the plusses and minuses on all grades.
- If a student received Ds and Fs as semester grades, they can be replaced in the GPA only when they retake the *exact same semester of the exact same course* otherwise Ds and Fs must be included when you are calculating the GPA.

Step #2

Multiply each number of semester courses by the corresponding grade points. Once you have done this, add these to reach the **Total Grade Points**.

Step #3

If the student has taken any of them, count the Total Number of UC approved AP, IB, Honors (only those on the official high school Doorways list indicated honors by the yellow star) and transferable Community College course semesters in 10th, 11th and 12th grade. Also, only count those with a grade of C or better because Ds and Fs cannot receive the extra point. Enter the **# of AP, IB, Honors, & CC Semesters** in the chart below under **Step #3**.

Step #4

Add the **Total Grade Points (Step #2)** to the **Total of AP, IB, Honors, and CC Semesters (Step #3)**. This is the **Grand Point Total (Step #4)**.

Step #5

There are several different ways to calculate a student's GPA. By adding or not adding the extra points, you can figure out three of the GPAs that may be used within the UC and CSU system.

- An **Unweighted GPA** is one where no extra points are added to the GPA. To figure out an Unweighted GPA, skip **Step #3 and #4** and divide **Total Grade Points (Step #2)** by **Total # of Semesters (Step #1)**.
- A **Fully Weighted GPA** is one where all extra points are added to the GPA. To figure out a Fully Weighted GPA, you divide the **Grand Point Total (Step #4)** by the **Total # of Semesters (Step #1)** to compute the Fully Weighted GPA.
- A **Weighted and Capped GPA** is one where up to 8 semesters, no more than 4 in the 10th grade, can be added to the GPA. The UC system uses the **Weighted and Capped GPA** in order to determine if a California student is UC eligible. However, each UC campus can determine in their selection policy, whether to use a **Fully Weighted, Unweighted** and/or **Weighted/Capped GPA**. UC Berkeley, for example, uses both the **Unweighted** and **Fully Weighted GPA** when looking at applicants. For more information, contact the individual campuses.

GPA Calculation Chart

Step 1: # of Semester Courses, by Grade Rec'd.	Step 2: # of Grade Points	Step 3: # of AP, IB, Honors , & CC Semesters	Step 4: Grand Point Total	Step 5: Divide Grand Point Total by Total Semesters
# As =	X 4 =	Enter total # of AP, IB, Honors, and CC Semesters below. Only add up to 8 semesters if you want the Weighted and Capped GPA.	Add columns 2 and 3 for Grand Point Total and enter below. Do not do this step if you want the Unweighted GPA	Divide column 4 by column 1 and enter below. This will be the Fully Weighted GPA or if there are 8 or less semesters of AP, IB, Honors and/or CC, it will also be the Weighted and Capped GPA.
# Bs =	X 3 =			
# Cs =	X 2 =			
# Ds =	X 1 =			
# Fs =	X 0 =			
Total # of Semesters:	Total Grade Points:			

For more information about the different types of GPAs and for an online calculator, you can visit the websites below.

- The UC/CSU includes *all* grades after the 9th grade. This means grades received in the summer after 9th grade through the summer after 11th grade count. Approved Honors, Advanced Placement, IB and transferable Community College courses are given an extra GPA point. You can use the [California Colleges online calculator](http://www.californiacolleges.edu/admissions/california-state-university-csu/gpa_calculator.asp) (http://www.californiacolleges.edu/admissions/california-state-university-csu/gpa_calculator.asp).
- Cal Grants. The Cal Grant GPA includes *all* grades (not just a-g but grades from all courses including P.E.) from the 10th grade, the summer after 10th grade, the 11th grade, and the summer after 11th grade. It does not weight the GPA by giving extra points for AP, IB or honors courses. More information is available on their [website](http://www.csac.ca.gov/secured/operationmemos/2006/HSGPAQA2.pdf) (<http://www.csac.ca.gov/secured/operationmemos/2006/HSGPAQA2.pdf>).
- University of California. To find out if a student is UC eligible, you can use their [calculator](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/educators/counselors/resources/materials/e_index.pdf) (http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/educators/counselors/resources/materials/e_index.pdf).