

Grading

Okayama University uses the GPA (Grade Point Average) system. The GPA system is widely used in Europe and the United States for grading students' academic performances. The following table explains how academic performances are stated and grade points are calculated in the GPA system.

| Grade | GP | Score | Standards, etc. |
|-------------------|---|-----------|--|
| A+ | See the GP calculation method shown outside this table. | 90-100 | Learning goals achievement: Excellent |
| A | | 80-89 | Learning goals achievement: Very good |
| B | | 70-79 | Learning goals achievement: Good |
| C | | 60-69 | Learning goals achievement: Satisfactory |
| F | 0 | 0-59 | Learning goals not achieved (no credit given) |
| W | N/A | N/A | Courses for which enrollment is cancelled after registration |
| ◆ (Recognized) | N/A | Not given | <p>(1) In cases where an Okayama University Faculty or Graduate School recognizes the credits that a student earned before entering Okayama University or before moving or transferring to Okayama University from another university as those earned by enrolling in courses at Okayama University and, based on such understanding, grants the credits to that student.</p> <p>In cases where a Faculty or Graduate School of Okayama University approves its students' credits acquired before entering or transferring to Okayama University</p> <p>(2) In cases where an Okayama University Faculty or Graduate School recognizes the credits that a student earned by enrolling in courses offered at another university, etc. or studies that a student conducted at an educational institution other than a university, as credits earned by enrolling in courses at Okayama University, but finds it difficult to score such credits or studies.</p> <p>In cases where a Faculty or Graduate School of Okayama University approves its students' credits earned at other universities or learning experiences acquired at other educational institutions, and judges that these credits or learning experiences are difficult to be evaluated by the scoring system</p> |
| Pass | N/A | Not given | <p>Courses that are difficult to score due to the special nature of the classes or courses in which performance is evaluated and credits are granted subject to a certain level of achievement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special courses offered at Okayama University that are difficult to be evaluated by the scoring system • Courses of Okayama University in which students' performance is evaluated and credits are granted subject to a certain level of achievement |
| M (Not passed) | N/A | Not given | <p>In cases where a student failed (not to earn credits) in courses that pass the student only if he or she is recognized to have completed the course</p> <p>In cases where students failed (credits are not given) in courses whose grades are stated as "passed" when the credits are granted.</p> |

2. Studies at Okayama University

GP calculation method

$$GP = (\text{Score} - 55)/10$$

- * GP for grade “F” (Not passed: Score less than 60 points) is 0. GP does not apply to such categories as “W,” “Recognized,” “Completed,” and “Not completed.”

1. Purposes of introducing GPA system

- (1) To identify struggling students and have their academic advisors and other relevant faculty members give them appropriate guidance
- (2) To show students their GPAs and dissuade them from taking too many courses, thereby helping them enroll in courses in a well-planned manner
- (3) To encourage students to improve not only the number but also the quality of the credits they earn

2. GPA calculation method

GPA is calculated by multiplying the credit for each registered course by the GP for that registered course and divide the sum by the total number of credits for the registered courses.

$$GPA = \frac{\text{Sum of the (Credit for each registered} \times \text{GP for each registered course)}}{\text{Total number of credits for the registered courses}}$$

Example of actual GPA calculation

| Course | Credit (a) | Score | Grade | GP (b) | a × b |
|---------------------|------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Introduction to ○○ | 1 | 95 | A+ | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Overview of ○○ | 1 | 85 | A | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| □□ Practice I | 1 | 55 | F | 0 | 0 |
| □□ Practice II | 0.5 | 70 | B | 1.5 | 0.75 |
| △△ Basic Experiment | 0.5 | 90 | A+ | 3.5 | 1.75 |
| Total | 4 | | | | 9.5 |

In the case of the student in the above table:

Sum of the credits for the registered courses = 4

Sum of (the number of credits for each registered course × GP for each registered course) = 9.5

GPA = $9.5 \div 4 = 2.375 \rightarrow 2.38$

- * Round off the calculation result to two decimal places.

3. Courses to which GPA does not apply

- Courses for which credits are granted based on recognition or completion, without indication of scores.
- Courses for which credits earned at an educational institution other than Okayama University are recognized to be added to a student's academic transcript
- Courses of which enrollment was cancelled after registration