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AP.1.5.7 Retroactive Drop with Dean or Dean's Designee Approval for Graduate Students

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AP.3.7 GPA

Quality point values are assigned to letter grades as indicated in the grading system table. A quality point score is computed by multiplying the value of a letter grade by the number of credits for the course. For example, a student receiving an A (4.00) in a 3-credit course earns 12 quality points. The GPA is computed by dividing the quality points earned by the number of credits graded A+ through F (GPA hours).

For undergraduates, the GPA computed for the current term gives the current GPA, which is the measure of academic performance in one semester and affects eligibility for the dean's list. The GPA computed for all institutional credit gives the cumulative GPA, which is the basis for the university's retention policies, including good standing, warning, probation, suspension, and dismissal. Cumulative GPA also determines students' eligibility to graduate and have university honors posted to their record at graduation.

For graduate students, the GPA computed for all graduate-level institutional credit including, but not limited to, any George Mason graduate degree or certificate program pursued with the primary graduate program gives the cumulative GPA. A degree GPA is computed for graduate students based on graded graduate level courses completed at the university and applied toward the current degree or certificate program requirements. The Degree GPA is calculated at the time of graduation after all current program requirements are completed. For more information, see AP.6.6 Graduate Academic Standing.

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~~A notation of academic warning is entered on the transcript of a graduate student who receives a grade of C or a grade of F in a graduate course. A degree GPA is computed for graduate students based on graded courses completed at the university and applied toward the degree. For more information, see [AP.6 Graduate Policies](#).~~

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