

Information about GPA Deficits

GPA deficit

A GPA deficit is the number used by the College of Arts and Sciences to estimate the amount of work students must undertake in order to raise their GPA to 2.000. The GPA deficit is defined as the number of credit hours in which grades of B are needed in order to raise the GPA to 2.000 or higher.

Calculating a GPA deficit

- Two variables needed:
 - t = Total credit hours (units) taken. Exclude incompletes (I), Rs, Ws, S, P, Test, grades replaced via the Extended-X policy, and in-progress (IP) courses; but include F grades.
 - e = Total GPA points earned for courses counted above (see chart below)
- Formula:
 - $(t \times 2) - e = \text{deficit}$ (for 2.000 goal)
 - *Always* round answer up to the nearest whole number

In other words, the deficit is calculated by doubling the total GPA credit hours and subtracting the GPA points earned for those courses. This number is then rounded up to determine the deficit. Courses with transfer, incomplete (I), in progress, deferred (R), Withdrawal (W), Satisfactory (S), and Pass (P) grades or grades replaced via the Extended-X policy (FX, C-X) are not included. Also, test credit is not included.

For additional information about calculating deficits, please see your College of Arts and Sciences academic advisor or contact the College Recorder's Office.

GPA Points Chart

		<-- Credit Hours -->							
		1 hr	2 hr	3 hr	4 hr	5 hr	6 hr	9 hr	12 hr
Grade Earned	D-	.7	1.4	2.1	2.8	3.5	4.2	6.3	8.4
	D	1	2	3	4	5	6	9	12
	D+	1.3	2.6	3.9	5.2	6.5	7.8	11.7	15.6
	C-	1.7	3.4	5.1	6.8	8.5	10.2	15.3	20.4
	C	2.0	4	6	8	10	12	18	24
	C+	2.3	4.6	6.9	9.2	11.5	13.8	20.7	27.6
	B-	2.7	5.4	8.1	10.8	13.5	16.2	24.3	32.4
	B	3.0	6	9	12	15	18	27	36
	B+	3.3	6.6	9.9	13.2	16.5	19.8	29.7	39.6
	A-	3.7	7.4	11.1	14.8	18.5	22.2	33.3	44.4
	A	4	8	12	16	20	24	36	48
A+	4	8	12	16	20	24	36	48	