

Grade Point Balance

This is important information for students on Subject To Dismissal (STD) with an overall GPA less than 2.0.

UCLA uses both the GPA system and a system called Grade Point Balance to monitor your academic status. Your cumulative Grade Point Balance, which is listed on your Degree Progress Report (DPR), indicates whether your overall GPA is above a C average (a positive balance), below a C average (a negative balance, or Balance Deficit) or exactly a C average (in which case your balance would be exactly 0.0). We calculate this number by adding numerical values for each letter grade you earn, according to the following scale:

1.0 unit	2.0 units	3.0 units		4.0 units	5.0 units	6.0 units
+2.0	+4.0	+6.0	A+,A	+8.0	+10.0	+12.0
+1.7	+3.4	+5.1	A-	+6.8	+8.5	+10.2
+1.3	+2.6	+3.9	B+	+5.2	+6.5	+7.8
+1.0	+2.0	+3.0	B	+4.0	+5.0	+6.0
+0.7	+1.4	+2.1	B-	+2.8	+3.5	+4.2
+0.3	+0.6	+0.9	C+	+1.2	+1.5	+1.8
0.0	0.0	0.0	C	0.0	0.0	0.0
-0.3	-0.6	-0.9	C-	-1.2	-1.5	-1.8
-0.7	-1.4	-2.1	D+	-2.8	-3.5	-4.2
-1.0	-2.0	-3.0	D	-4.0	-5.0	-6.0
-1.3	-2.6	-3.9	D-	-5.2	-6.5	-7.8
-2.0	-4.0	-6.0	F	-8.0	-10.0	-12.0

An example of how to calculate your grade point balance:

Astro 3	4 units	F	- 8.0
Eng Comp 3	5 units	C+	+1.5
Psych 10	4 units	D-	- 5.2
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Balance Total:			-11.7

To remove this sample “balance deficit,” you would need to earn any combination of grades totaling +11.7.

Important Information

UC SUMMER SESSION:

You will not clear your STD status or be dismissed as a result of your performance in summer session classes; however you may increase or decrease your balance deficit with grades from UC Summer Session coursework.

PASS/NO PASS (P/NP) OPTION:

You may not take any course on a P/NP grading basis. Mandatory P/NP courses may be petitioned; consult your academic counseling unit.

COURSELOAD:

We strongly recommend that you take no more than 12-13 units each term until you return to good standing.

Please be aware that a 12 unit program constitutes full time student status required by some programs, such as financial aid, university housing, intercollegiate athletics, ROTC, many insurance plans, and students on an F-1 or J-1 visa.

GPA IN MAJOR:

If you do not have the minimum GPA required in the preparation for the major or a 2.0 GPA in the upper division courses applicable to the major, you must consult with your major department counselor about the feasibility of continuing in the major.

REPEATS:

To improve your GPA, you may repeat only those courses graded C- or below and you may only repeat a class once for credit. If you are within your 16 units of repeat credit, the second grade earned, better or worse, is calculated into your cumulative and term GPA. If you have used the allowed 16 units of repeat credit, you may still repeat a course in which you received a C- or below. However, both grades will be averaged into your cumulative GPA.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TERM:

See an academic counselor immediately if you need to withdraw while you are Subject to Dismissal.

Please consult a full-time college academic counselor if you do not understand or have any questions about how the above guidelines apply to your specific situation.

College Counseling Units

College Academic Counseling.....	A316 Murphy Hall
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Athletics.....	Morgan Ctr., Ste 127
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