

The steps below will help you to understand the HOPE GPA calculations and unofficially calculate your HOPE GPA. This is based on information provided to us by the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

Your HOPE GPA will be determined by the Georgia Student Finance Commission, not by the school system. If you have any detailed questions or concerns, please feel free to visit the Georgia Student Finance Commission website at www.gsfc.org or call them at 1-800-505-GSFC.

Note that the following rules apply to college prep and dual seal diplomas only.

1. Identify Courses That Count Towards Your HOPE GPA

The grades for all attempted (passed and failed) academic courses will be converted to a 4.0 scale and included in your HOPE GPA except those courses taken in middle school for high school credit. Academic courses include courses in the areas of English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Languages. No arts courses whatsoever are used for HOPE calculations.

To identify academic courses on your transcript, use the following guide:

- All English courses with course numbers beginning with 23.
- All Math courses with course numbers beginning with 27.
- All Science courses with course numbers beginning with 26 or 40 plus Animal Sciences (02.x210...)
- and Plant Sciences (02.x410...).
- All Social Studies courses with course numbers beginning with 45.
- All Foreign Language courses with course numbers beginning with 60-64.

Remember, courses taken in middle school do not count toward HOPE.

2. Identify Honors and AP Courses & Adjust Bonus Points

Find all academic classes that were taken at the Honors or AP (Advanced Placement) level at public high schools. Although most Honors and AP courses can be identified by their titles, some can not. The only truly accurate way to identify Honors and AP courses is through the course numbers. Honors/AP course numbers end in 51, 52, or 95. Non-Honors/AP course numbers end in 11, 12, 21, 22, or 99.

Example:

Course # 27.0610051 is an Honors or AP course because the course number ends in 51.

Course # 27.0610011 is not an Honors or AP course because the course number ends in 11.

Course # 40.0510052 is an Honors or AP course.

Course # 40.0510022 is not an Honors or AP course.

Course # 27.0610095 is an Honors or AP course because the course number ends in 95.

Course # 27.0610099 is not an Honors or AP course because the course number ends in 99.

For every one of those courses that is identified as Honors or AP, subtract the bonus points from your grade (5 pts. for all AP courses, 5 points for Honors courses taken before 8/06, and 3 pts. for Honors courses taken since 8/06). Failing grades received no bonus points and can be left as is.

PLEASE NOTE: The bonus points will always appear on your high school transcripts. The Georgia Student Finance Commission will be manipulating the bonus points only for the calculation of HOPE eligibility.

3. Convert Grades To The 4.0 Scale

Use the chart below to convert all qualifying grades (including failing grades) to the 4.0 scale:

Grades from 90-100 = A. A= 4.0

Grades from 80-89 = B. B= 3.0

Grades from 70-79 = C. C= 2.0

Grades from 0-69 = F. F= 0.0

If you fail an academic course, that grade will count. For example, if you failed Algebra II, and took Algebra II again in summer school, both grades will count.

4. Adjust For AP Courses

If the course is an Advanced Placement (AP) course (or an IB course for students who transfer from an IB program), add .5 to your converted grade (on the 4.0 scale), unless your grade is already 4.0 or if you failed the course. So, for AP courses, your grade on a 4.0 scale will be one of the following: 4.0, 3.5, 2.5, or 0.0. Extra weight is not given to Honors courses.

5. Calculate Your Average

Your transcript includes both half year classes and full year classes. Count the full year class grades twice and each half year grade once. Add up all of the scores (on the 4.0 scale), and divide by the total number (remembering that you counted full year courses twice). Do not round up. Your GPA will not be rounded up for the purposes of determining HOPE eligibility.

This calculation should give you a good estimate of your current standing.

A final HOPE average (at the end of senior year) of 3.0 or greater (without rounding) will be required to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship (for the College Prep diploma).

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Course #	Course Name	Grade	Credits	HOPE Grade on 4.0 scale:
17.0110011	Health	98	0.5	
23.0610095	Honors 9 th Grade Lit.	92	1.0	
27.0610011	Algebra I A	90	0.5	
27.0610012	Algebra I B	88	0.5	
26.0120095	Honors Biology	81	1.0	
36.0510011	Personal Fitness	95	0.5	
45.0830095	Honors World History A	93	1.0	
54.0241011	Beg. Women's Chorus I A	92	0.5	
54.0241012	Beg. Women's Chorus I B	98	0.5	
53.0711021	Beg Choral En I A	90	0.5	
53.0711022	Beg Choral En I B	99	0.5	
60.0720011	Spanish II A	81	0.5	
60.0720012	Spanish II B	90	0.5	

Student #2

Course #	Course Name	Grade	Credits	HOPE Grade on 4.0 scale:
23.0510095	Honors 11 th Grade Lit.	89	1.0	
27.0650095	Adv. Algebra & Trig	92	1.0	
45.0571051	Honors American Gov.	83	0.5	
45.0610051	Honors Econ/bus/free Ent	93	0.5	
40.0810095	Honors Physics	82	1.0	
45.0820095	AP U.S. History	91	1.0	
53.0373011	Inter Band III A	92	0.5	
53.0373012	Inter Band III B	98	0.5	
53.0573021	Inter Orchestra III A	98	0.5	
53.0573022	Inter Orchestra III B	90	0.5	
60.0730051	Spanish III A	88	0.5	
60.0730052	Spanish III B	84	0.5	

Answers:**Student #1**

Course #	Course Name	Grade	Credits	HOPE Grade on 4.0 scale:
17.0110011	Health	98	0.5	----
23.0610095	9 th Grade Lit. Honors	92	1.0	3.0 (counted twice)
27.0610011	Algebra I A	90	0.5	4.0
27.0610012	Algebra I B	88	0.5	3.0
26.0120095	Biology Honors	81	1.0	2.0 (counted twice)
36.0510011	Personal Fitness	95	0.5	x
45.0830095	World History Honors	93	1.0	4.0 (counted twice)
54.0241011	Beg. Women's Chorus I A	92	0.5	----
54.0241012	Beg. Women's Chorus I B	98	0.5	----
53.0711021	Beg Choral En I A	90	0.5	----
53.0711022	Beg Choral En I B	99	0.5	----
60.0720011	Spanish II A	81	0.5	3.0
60.0720012	Spanish II B	90	0.5	4.0

The correct HOPE GPA for this student is **3.2**.

Student #2

Course #	Course Name	Grade	Credits	
23.0510095	American Lit. Honors	89	1.0	3.0 (counted twice)
27.0650095	Adv. Algebra & Trig Honors	92	1.0	3.0 (counted twice)
45.0571051	American Gov. Honors	83	0.5	3.0
45.0610051	Econ/bus/free Honors Ent	93	0.5	4.0
40.0810095	Physics I Honors	82	1.0	2.0 (counted twice)
45.0820095	AP U.S. History	91	1.0	3.5 (counted twice)
53.0373011	Inter Band III A	92	0.5	----
53.0373012	Inter Band III B	98	0.5	----
53.0573021	Inter Orchestra III A	98	0.5	----
53.0573022	Inter Orchestra III B	90	0.5	----
60.0730051	Spanish III A	88	0.5	3.0
60.0730052	Spanish III B	84	0.5	3.0 (be careful- a course that is Honors might not say so in the course title. That's why course #s are so important.)

The correct HOPE GPA for this student is **3.0**.

NCAA Eligibility Requirements

*****May students use courses taken after high school graduation?**

In Division I, all core courses must be completed in the first eight semesters of high school, based on when a student first started ninth grade. If a student graduates on time with his or her class (in eight semesters), the student may use one core course taken after graduation.

In Division II, all core courses will be used, up until the student enrolls as a full-time student in any college or university.

Information and Resources for College-Bound Student-Athletes and Parents

Frequently Asked Questions on NCAA Initial Eligibility

In order to participate in Division I or II athletics on a collegiate level a student must meet the NCAA Clearinghouse requirements for certification. It is the student's responsibility to make himself aware of these requirements and to meet them. This process begins in freshman year and continues throughout the four years of high school. Students are encouraged to consult with their guidance counselor, athletic director, and coaches if they have any questions.

TO BE CERTIFIED BY THE CLEARINGHOUSE, YOU MUST: GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

You should apply for certification before graduation if you are sure you wish to participate in athletics as a freshman at the college to which you will be admitted. The Clearinghouse will issue a preliminary certification report when you have had all your materials submitted. After you graduate, the Clearinghouse will review your final transcript to make a final certification decision according to NCAA standards.

EARN A GRADE-POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale) in a core curriculum of at least 16 academic courses (Division I) or 14 academic courses (Division II) which were successfully completed during grades 9 through 12. Only courses that satisfy the NCAA definition of a core course can be used to calculate your NCAA GPA. No special values are allowed for "+" or "-" grades. The chart below shows what your core courses must include at a minimum.

For Division I: The minimum grade point average in the 16 core courses and required ACT or SAT score vary according to the Initial-Eligibility Index below.

For Division II: There is no sliding scale. The minimum core grade point average is 2.000. The minimum SAT score is 820 (Critical Reading & Math only) and the minimum ACT sum score is 68.

Students first entering a **Division I** collegiate institution on or after **August 1, 2008** must meet the new **16 core-course rule**.

The 16 core-course rule **INCREASES** the number of core courses from 14 to **16** for **Division I only**. Students must complete **three (3)** years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher), and **four (4)** years of additional core courses. The additional core course may be taken in any core area. Only courses taken in grades nine through twelve will qualify as core courses for Division I. If you graduate from high school on schedule (eight semesters) with your incoming ninth grade class, you may use **one** core course completed in the year after graduation (summer or academic year).

For comprehensive rules on prospective Division I & Division II athletes please view the last page of the School Calendar and Student Handbook or visit www.ncaaclearinghouse.net or www.ncaa.org for more information.

CORE UNITS REQUIRED FOR NCAA CERTIFICATION		
–	DIVISION I	DIVISION II
English core	4 years	3 years
Math core*	3 years *	2 years
Science core	2 years	2 years
Social Science core	2 years	2 years
From English, Math, or Science	1 year	2 years
Additional core (English, Math, Science, Social Science, Foreign Language, Philosophy, Nondoctrinal Religion)*	4 years*	3 years
Total Core Units Required*	16*	14
<p>*New Requirements: If you plan to enter a Division I college on August 1, 2008 or after you will be required to have 16 core courses. Students must complete three (3) years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher), and four (4) years of additional core courses. The additional core course may be taken in any core area. Computer Science is no longer used as a core course.</p> <p><i>**NCAA Regulations are subject to change.</i></p>		

CORE GPA AND TEST SCORE INDEX FOR NCAA DIVISION I		
CORE GPA	ACT Sum	SAT
Above 2.500	68	820
2.500	68	820
2.475	69	830
2.450	70	840-850
2.425	70	860
2.400	71	860
2.375	72	870

2.350	73	880
2.325	74	890
2.300	75	900
2.275	76	910
2.250	77	920
2.225	78	930
2.200	79	940
2.175	80	950
2.150	80	960
2.125	81	960
2.100	82	970
2.075	83	980
2.050	84	990
2.025	85	1000
2.000	86	1010