

Student Records

Undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) Types

GPA Types

There are two distinct cumulative calculations on the academic record (official transcript): IU Statistics and Program Statistics.

IU Statistics

IU Statistics includes ALL courses a student has completed, and all of these courses are figured into the student's GPA. It counts all attempts whether passed or failed.

- Includes remedial/developmental courses.
- Undergraduate GPA exception: Extended-X grades - courses that have been retaken under the condition of the Extended-X (Retaken course/GPA exclusion) Policy are noted with an "X" following the grade. Both enrollments in the course and their grades remain on the record, but the enrollment of the "X" graded courses is excluded from the university credit hour totals and grade point averages (IU GPA).

Program Statistics

Program statistics are used system-wide for all GPA-related and accrued credit decision points (graduation GPA and credit hours, probation and suspension, Dean's Lists and Chancellor's Lists, academic bankruptcy/grade forgiveness.) Program statistics includes all courses a student has completed. However, if a student repeats a course (through enrollment, testing, or transfer credit), credit will be retained and figured into the student's program statistics, based on which repeat rule policy the school is using. See Note section below regarding repeat options.

GPA repeat policy: Both the IU and program statistics:

- Include remedial/developmental courses.
- Undergraduate GPA exception: extended-X grades (A thru F grades) - courses that have been retaken under the condition of the Extended-X (Retaken course/GPA exclusion) Policy are noted with an "X" following the grade. Both enrollments in the course and their grades remain on the record, but the enrollment of the "X" graded courses is excluded from the university credit hour totals and grade point averages (IU GPA). IU Northwest is not participating in the Extended X policy. IU Northwest has an FX policy in which re-enrollment pertains only to a course in which an F was previously received. A grade of D, or any other grade, cannot be improved via this policy.

Note: Across all IU campuses, each academic program/school identifies which repeat rule policy is to be used in determining the program statistics. It is important to remember that if you transfer to another IU campus, the schools/divisions have the option of determining how to handle repeated courses in one of the following five ways:

1. **None** - no repeat processing; use the university policy only.
2. **Average** - include all grades received for this class in the GPA, but give academic credit (hours) only once. Keep the best grade.
3. **Best** - only the best attempt is counted for credit and GPA. All other attempts are discarded.
4. **Latest** - only the most recent attempt is counted for credit and GPA.
5. **First** - only the first attempt is counted for credit and GPA.

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Additional GPA summary information

Hours passed (earned)

Hours passed is the number of IU course hours completed with a passing grade (A+ through D-, S, P) at the level indicated (Undergraduate, Graduate, or Cumulative). Any hours earned as a transfer student from outside the IU system are recorded on the transcript as Transfer Hours. IU hours passed and transfer hours are added together to determine the student's class standing.

IU GPA Hours

IU GPA Hours are the sum of the hours in courses with a grade of A+ through D- or F. Grades such as P, W, I, and S are not included in the GPA hours.

Program statistics summary

The program statistics will show a breakdown of the student's GPA according to the rules determined by their academic program. It's the student's GPA as of the date the report was issued.

IU statistics summary

The IU statistics will show a breakdown of the student's GPA according to standard university-wide rules. IU hours include IU enrollment, transfer, test and other (special) credit.

Note: Purdue Transfer credit: There are exceptions to these general transfer credit policies related to transfer work from Purdue University campuses and Purdue Statewide Technology programs located on Indiana University campuses. Purdue credits with PTI grading basis count both as internal Transfer credit and as IU GPA statistics.

- One major category of this type of exception is Purdue University coursework taken at an Indiana University/Purdue University campus and coursework taken via the Purdue University Statewide Technology Programs on Indiana University campuses. This course work is displayed with course hours and grades and, in addition, this work will be included in the Student Program and the Indiana University GPA statistics.
- Other types of Purdue University coursework with grades are accepted by Indiana University. These course grades received at Purdue University are included in the Student Program Grade Point Average summaries, but NOT in the Indiana University Grade Point Average. However, the course hours are included in both the Student Program GPA and the IU GPA statistics.