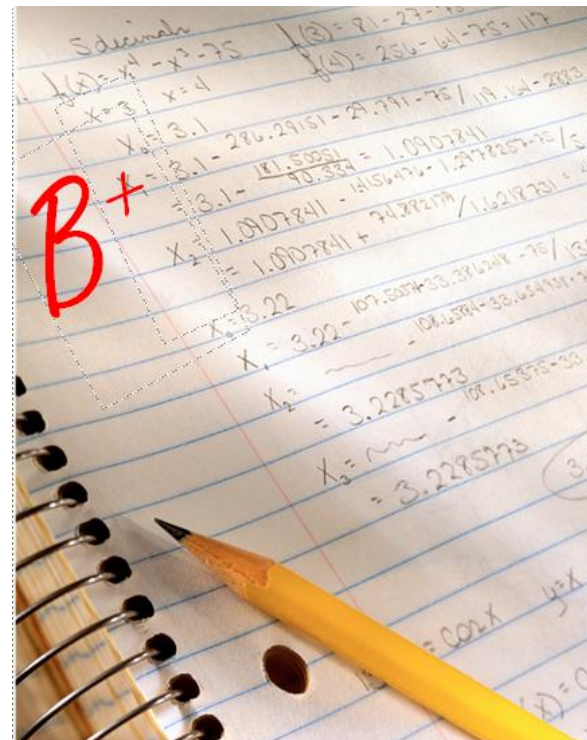


Plus/Minus Grading (+/-)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Other grading policies remain unchanged.

Please see the [KU Policy Register](#) by clicking [Academic Policies](#) on the Registrar's Office page of the KU website.



Q. When will the new policy go into effect?

A. Spring 2011 grades will have the new options for faculty and students.

Q. What are the specifics of the current grading policy?

A. Available grades with their "quality points" are:

A	(4.0)
B	(3.0)
C	(2.0)
D	(1.0)
F	(0.0)

Q. What are the changes to grading options with the new policy?

A. To the current grades and "quality points", faculty will have new options of

A-	(3.67)
B+	(3.33)
B-	(2.67)
C+	(2.33)

(Please note: There is no A+, C-, D+ or D-.)

Q. Will the new system cause GPAs to go up or down?

A. Because two plus (+) grade options and two minus (-) grade options have been added the new policy should have a neutral bias. If for every new plus (+) grade a minus (-) grade as assigned, averages would remain unchanged.

Q. Why have plus/minus grading?

A. It provides more "precise" grading. Where a student might have been assigned a C grade before because B-level work was not demonstrated, now a C+ or B- may be assigned.

Q. How is a Grade Point Average (GPA) calculated?

A. The "quality points" of each grade received is multiplied by the number of credits for that course. The total of the quality points for that semester is then divided by the total number of credits for that semester.

➡ EXAMPLE #1: Fall 2010

ACC 121	B	3 credits
HIS 026	C	3 credits
HPD 089	D	1 credit
SPA 011	A	3 credits
SOC 010	F	3 credits
ACC B	3 quality points X 3 cr.	= 9 points
HIS C	2 quality points X 3 cr.	= 6 points
HPD D	1 quality point X 1 cr.	= 1 point
SPA A	4 quality points X 3 cr.	= 12 points
SOC F	0 quality points X 3 cr.	= 0 points

Total points (28) / Total credits (13) = 28 ÷ 13 = 2.15 semester GPA

➡ EXAMPLE #2: Spring 2011

ACC 121	B+	3 credits
HIS 026	C	3 credits
HPD 089	D	1 credit
SPA 011	A-	3 credits
SOC 010	F	3 credits
ACC B+	3.33 quality points X 3 cr.	= 9.99 points
HIS C	2 quality points X 3 cr.	= 6 points
HPD D	1 quality point X 1 cr.	= 1 point
SPA A-	3.67 quality points X 3 cr.	= 11.01 points
SOC F	0 quality points X 3 cr.	= 0 points

Total points (28) / Total credits (13) = 28 ÷ 13 = 2.15 semester GPA

➡ EXAMPLE #3: Spring 2011

ACC 121	B-	3 credits
HIS 026	C	3 credits
HPD 089	D	1 credit
SPA 011	B+	3 credits
SOC 010	F	3 credits
ACC B-	2.67 quality points X 3 cr.	= 8.01 points
HIS C	2 quality points X 3 cr.	= 6 points
HPD D	1 quality point X 1 cr.	= 1 point
SPA B+	3.33 quality points X 3 cr.	= 9.99 points
SOC F	0 quality points X 3 cr.	= 0 points

Total points (25) / Total credits (13) = 25 ÷ 13 = 1.92 semester GPA