Things to know when calculating your Student-Reported Cumulative Grade Point Average

Your cumulative GPA will not be reported to the members of the Veterinary Admissions Committee. These data are collected for the purposes of statistical reporting and outcomes assessment.

- Calculate a single cumulative GPA to include all letter-graded courses that you completed at accredited community colleges or universities (regardless of date taken).
- Exclude courses taken at vocational institutions.
- Include graduate and professional-level courses.
- Include original and repeated courses if they appear on your transcript (regardless of whether or not the institution calculated the original course in the institutional cumulative GPA).
- Do not include courses graded as Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory/Pass/Fail. Credits will equal zero.
- Convert the quarter system to a semester system by multiplying course credits by .67 prior to calculating the GPA.
- Convert systems that list courses as one credit to the traditional system (example: "1 credit = 4 semester credits") utilizing the instructions provided on the back of your transcript.
- Account for +/- grades using the Grade Scale chart below.

Steps to calculate cumulative GPA

1. Convert quarter credits to semester credits by multiplying credits by .67 (Example 3).
2. Convert one-semester credit courses to traditional credits as per transcript information (Example 4).
3. For each course, determine the "Grade Points" by multiplying the number of credits by the grade value (see Grade Scale below).
4. Add the "Grade Points" for all courses.
5. Add the total number of credits.
6. Divide the total "Grade Points" by the total number of credits to obtain your cumulative GPA.
7. Our grading scale uses a GPA of 4.0 as the highest score.

Grade Scale

A = 4.0
A- = 3.7
B+ = 3.3
B = 3.0
B- = 2.7
C+ = 2.3
C = 2.0
C- = 1.7
D+ = 1.3
D = 1.0
D- = .7
F = 0

The five examples below show the following instances:

- Example 1: two semesters with a repeat course
- Example 2: three quarters with pass/fail courses
- Example 3: three quarters converted to semesters
- Example 4: two semesters of 1 credit = 4 credits
- Example 5: combined calculation (semesters and quarters)

Example 1: two semesters of traditional semester credits with a repeated course grade

Semester	Course	Credits	Grade	Grade Value	Grade Points
Fall 2016	Biology I	4	D	1	4 x 1 = 4
Fall 2016	Chemistry I	5	A	4	5 x 4 = 20
Fall 2016	English	3	B+	3.3	3 x 3.3 = 9.9
Fall 2016	P.E.	1	A	4	4 x 1 = 4
Fall 2016	Ethics	3	C	2	2 x 3 = 6
Spring 2017	Biology I*	4	A	4	4 x 4 = 16

Spring 2017	Chemistry II	5	A	4	4 x 5 = 20
Spring 2017	Calculus I	4	B	3	3 x 4 = 12
Spring 2017	Statistics	3	A-	3.7	3 x 3.7 = 11.1
TOTAL		**32 credits**			**103 grade points**

*repeated course

GPA = Total grade points/total credits
= 103/32
= **3.22**

Example 2: three quarters with pass/fail courses

Quarter	Course	Credits	Grade	Grade Value	Grade Points
Fall 2016	Organic Chemistry	4	B	3	3 x 4 = 12
Fall 2016	Public Speaking	0	Fail	0	0
Fall 2016	Integral Calculus	4	B-	2.7	4 x 2.7 = 10.8
Fall 2016	Vertebrate Biology	3	A	4	3 x 4 = 12
Fall 2016	Vertebrate Bio Lab	2	A	4	2 x 4 = 8
Winter 2017	Cell & Molec. Bio	3	B	3	3 x 3 = 9
Winter 2017	Organic chemistry	4	A	4	4 x 4 = 16
Winter 2017	History of the U.S.	3	C+	2.3	3 x 2.3 = 6.9
Winter 2017	Scuba	2	A	4	2 x 4 = 8
Winter 2017	Philosophy	4	B	3	4 x 3 = 12
Spring 2017	Evolution	3	B	3	3 x 3 = 9
Spring 2017	Genetics	4	A	4	4 x 4 = 16
Spring 2017	Ecology	3	A	4	3 x 4 = 12
Spring 2017	Organic Chem. Lab	2	A	4	2 x 4 = 8
Spring 2017	Writing in Business	0	Pass	0	0
TOTAL		**41 qtr credits**			**139.7 qtr grade points**

GPA = Total grade points/total credits
= 139.7/41
= **3.41**

NOTE: If you have a combination of semester and quarter credits you must convert your quarter credits to semester credits to correctly calculate your cumulative GPA. Quarter credits can be converted to semester credits by multiplying the credit value for each course by 0.67.

Example 3: three quarters converted to semesters

Quarter	Course	Credits	Grade	Grade Value	Grade Points

Fall 2016	Organic Chemistry	4 x .67 = 2.68	B	3	2.68 x 3 = 8.04
Fall 2016	Public Speaking	3 x .67 = 2.01	A	4	2.01 x 4 = 8.04
Fall 2016	Integral Calculus	4 x .67 = 2.68	B-	2.7	2.68 x 2.7 = 7.24
Fall 2016	Vertebrate Biology	3 x .67 = 2.01	A	4	2.01 x 4 = 8.04
Fall 2016	Vertebrate Bio Lab	2 x .67 = 1.37	A	4	1.37 x 4 = 5.48
Winter 2017	Cell & Molec. Bio	3 x .67 = 2.01	B	3	2.01 x 3 = 6.03
Winter 2017	Organic chemistry	4 x .67 = 2.68	A	4	2.68 x 4 = 10.72
Winter 2017	History of the U.S.	3 x .67 = 2.01	C+	2.3	2.01 x 2.3 = 4.62
Winter 2017	Scuba	2 x .67 = 1.37	A	4	1.37 x 4 = 5.48
Winter 2017	Philosophy	4 x .67 = 2.68	B	3	2.68 x 3 = 8.04
Spring 2017	Evolution	3 x .67 = 2.01	B	3	2.01 x 3 = 6.03
Spring 2017	Genetics	4 x .67 = 2.68	A	4	2.68 x 4 = 10.72
Spring 2017	Ecology	3 x .67 = 2.01	A	4	2.01 x 4 = 8.04
Spring 2017	Organic Chem. Lab	2 x .67 = 1.37	A	4	1.37 x 4 = 5.48
Spring 2017	Writing in Business	3 x .67 = 2.01	A	4	2.01 x 4 = 8.04
TOTAL		**31.58 credits**			**110.03 grade points**

GPA = Total grade points/total credits
= 110.03/31.58
= **3.48**

Example 4: two semesters of 1 credit = 4

Semester	Course	Credits (x4)	Grade	Grade Value	Grade Points
Fall 2016	Economics	2 x 4 = 8	A	4	8 x 4 = 32
Fall 2016	General Biology	1 x 4 = 4	A	4	4 x 4 = 16
Fall 2016	General Chemistry I	1 x 4 = 4	B	3	4 x 3 = 12
Fall 2016	English	1 x 4 = 4	B	3	4 x 3 = 12
Spring 2017	General Chemistry II	1 x 4 = 4	A	4	4 x 4 = 16
Spring 2017	French	2 x 4 = 8	A	4	4 x 8 = 32
Spring 2017	Calculus	1 x 4 = 4	C	2	4 x 2 = 8
TOTAL		**36 credits**			**128 grade points**

GPA = Total grade points/total credits

= 128/36
= **3.56**

Example 5: combined calculation (semesters and quarters)

Term	Course	Credits	Grade	Grade Value	Grade Points
Fall Sem 2016	Biology I	4	A	4	4 x 4 = 16
Fall Sem 2016	Chemistry I	5	A	4	5 x 4 = 20
Fall Sem 2016	English	3	B+	3.3	3 x 3.3 = 9.9
Fall Sem 2016	P.E.	1	A	4	4 x 1 = 4
Fall Sem 2016	Ethics	3	C	2	2 x 3 = 6
Spring Sem 2017	Biology II	5	A	4	4 x 5 = 20
Spring Sem 2017	Chemistry II	5	A	4	4 x 5 = 20
Spring Sem 2017	Calculus I	4	B	3	3 x 4 = 12
Spring Sem 2017	Statistics	3	A-	3.7	3 x 3.7 = 11.1
Fall Qtr 2016	Organic Chemistry	4 x .67 = 2.68	B	3	2.68 x 3 = 8.04
Fall Qtr 2016	Public Speaking	3 x .67 = 2.01	A	4	2.01 x 4 = 8.04
Fall Qtr 2016	Integral Calculus	4 x .67 = 2.68	B-	2.7	2.68 x 2.7 = 7.24
Fall Qtr 2016	Vertebrate Biology	3 x .67 = 2.01	A	4	2.01 x 4 = 8.04
Fall Qtr 2016	Vertebrate Bio Lab	2 x .67 = 1.37	A	4	1.37 x 4 = 5.48
Winter Qtr 2017	Cell & Molec. Bio	3 x .67 = 2.01	B	3	2.01 x 3 = 6.03
Winter Qtr 2017	Organic chemistry	4 x .67 = 2.68	A	4	2.68 x 4 = 10.72
Winter Qtr 2017	History of the U.S.	3 x .67 = 2.01	C+	2.3	2.01 x 2.3 = 4.62
Winter Qtr 2017	Scuba	2 x .67 = 1.37	A	4	1.37 x 4 = 5.48
Winter Qtr 2017	Philosophy	4 x .67 = 2.68	B	3	2.68 x 3 = 8.04
Spring Sem 2015	Economics	2 x 4 = 8	A	4	8 x 4 = 32
Spring Sem 2015	French	2 x 4 = 8	A	4	4 x 8 = 32
Spring Sem 2015	Adv. Calculus	1 x 4 = 4	C	2	4 x 2 = 8
Total		**84.58 credits**			**301.03 grade points**

GPA = Total grade points/total credits
= 301.03/84.58
= **3.56**