WEIGHTED AVERAGE MARK AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE CALCULATIONS

(1) A Weighted Average Mark (WAM) is a calculation that reflects the overall performance of a student in their course. The WAM is the average out of 100 of ALL marks a student has achieved in all units of their course.

(2) As per the Academic Statements Schedule, a student's WAM is recorded on the transcript they receive upon graduation. Current students can obtain an unofficial transcript through eStudent.

(3) A WAM Estimator tool is available to enable students to estimate their WAM.

(4) Students enrolled after the last date to withdraw without academic penalty are not permitted to self-withdraw, and will receive a mark that will be included in a WAM calculation, except where a case for withdrawal without academic penalty is approved.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

(5) A Grade Point Average (GPA) was in use prior to 1 January 2020 to reflect the overall grades of a student in a course. It was calculated on the basis of the units completed by a student at Macquarie University towards the course. It did not take into account credit points granted through RPL or non-award study. The calculation was based on the following:

GPA calculation for students who commenced at Macquarie University from 1 January 2017 and completed their course before 1 January 2020

(6) For students who commenced at Macquarie University from 1 January 2017 and completed their course before 1 January 2020, their GPA was calculated on a 7-point scale as detailed below:

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<th>Grade</th>
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<td>D</td>
<td>75-84</td>
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<td>P</td>
<td>50-64</td>
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<td>F</td>
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GPA = (7v + 6w + 5x + 4y + 0f) divided by e

- v is the number of credit points gained at HD.
• w is the number of credit points gained at D,
• x is the number of credit points gained at Cr,
• y is the number of credit points gained at P,
• e is the total number of credit points for which a student is effectively enrolled (excluding units with W or S),
• f is the number of credit points gained with an F grade.

Refer to the Calculate your GPA webpage for further details and a tool to demonstrate this calculation.

**GPA calculation for students who commenced their program of study at Macquarie University before 1 January 2017**

(7) For students who studied at Macquarie University between 1 January 2011 and 1 January 2017 the GPA was calculated using a 4-point scale as follows:

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\text{GPA} = \frac{4w + 3x + 2y + 0f}{e}
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• w is the number of credit points gained at HD and D
• x is the number of credit points gained at Cr
• y is the number of credit points gained at P
• e is the total number of credit points for which a student is effectively enrolled (excluding units with W or S),
• f is the number of credit points gained with an F grade.

Refer to the Calculate your GPA webpage for further details and a tool to demonstrate this calculation.

(8) For GPA methodology prior to 2011, contact the Policy Unit for archived versions of the Assessment Policy.