

# ASSESSMENT POLICY



## APPENDIX B: WAM and GPA CALCULATIONS

### 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:

Grade	Mark range	GPA value
HD	85-100	7
D	75-84	6
Cr	65-74	5
P	50-64	4
F	0-49	0

GPA =  $(7v + 6w + 5x + 4y + 0f)$  divided by e

- v is the number of credit points gained at HD,

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- 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:

GPA =  $(4w + 3x + 2y + 0f)$  divided by e

- 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.