

Grade Point Average

Two grade point averages are maintained by Texas Christian University: (1) a semester average based on courses taken at TCU during a particular term, and (2) a cumulative average based on all work attempted at TCU.

A student's grade point average (GPA) is computed by dividing the number of grade points (grade points are earned per semester hour for the successful completion of academic work) by the number of hours (total credit hours attempted at TCU, excluding those attempted on a pass/no credit basis).

Repeating a Course. If a course taken at TCU is repeated at TCU, the official grade is the last letter grade made although all grades appear on the transcript. Only the last letter grade earned in the repeated course will be used in computing the GPA.

If a course is taken at TCU and then repeated at another institution, or if a course is taken at another institution and then repeated at TCU, only the grade earned at TCU is used to compute the student's GPA. Credit for any given course, regardless of where it was taken, may be counted only once.

The student is responsible for notifying the Registrar when a course is repeated.

Transfer Credit. Transfer credit is identified on the academic record as the total number of credit hours accepted from each institution attended and is added to the total number of cumulative earned hours. Transfer credit hours may satisfy degree requirements but are not used in the calculation of the cumulative GPA.

Pass/No Credit. Pass/no credit courses are disregarded in the calculation of the student's GPA.

Credit by Examination and Portfolio Assessment. Credit earned by examination or portfolio assessment is not assigned a letter grade and is not included in the calculation of the cumulative GPA.

Course Credit

Credit for Transfer Work. Students transferring to TCU must present a record of all transfer work for evaluation to the Office of Admissions for approval by the appropriate academic dean prior to their enrollment in the University. Transfer course work not presented prior to enrollment may not be counted toward a degree.

After enrolling at TCU:

- 1) All students must receive prior written approval of the appropriate academic dean if they wish to take courses at another institution and have those courses count toward a degree at TCU. Coursework taken without prior written approval may not be applied to a degree.
- 2) No more than 12 total semester hours, except those earned in an approved study abroad program, may be transferred from other schools.
- 3) No credit may be transferred from a community college once 54 cumulative semester hours have been earned.

Transcripts of course work taken elsewhere must reach the Registrar's office within 30 days of completion of the course work.

Blaise's note: When TCU considers GPA of potential transfer student we look at course retakes at that institution in an interesting way. If the institution figures GPA with the higher grade only TCU refigures the GPA with an averaging of the grades.

Here is the policy statement:

TCU computes your GPA based on every class that is transferable to the university. Even though grades below a "C" will not transfer for credit, we will compute them into your GPA for admission consideration. In other words, if you take an English Composition class and earn a grade of "D," it will not transfer to TCU for credit, but the grade will be considered in the admission decision. TCU does not replace grades, therefore if you have retaken a class, we will average both grades into the GPA. This policy is independent of any policy at the school where you are transferring the credit. Incomplete "I" grades will be converted to an "F."

The address is:

http://www.admissions.tcu.edu/transfer/Application_FAQ_text.asp