

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**

Senate Committee on Educational Policy
(Final; Action)

EP.04.07 Computation of Grade Point Average

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Since 1997, the campus policy of using “true thirds” set forth by EP.97.19 (3/17/97, Action; approved) has been knowingly at variance with our practice of using 0.33 and 0.67 for plus and minuses consistent with the capabilities of UI Direct. The Senate Educational Policy Committee feels strongly that all campus policies and practices must remain consistent at all times.

The Senate Committee on Educational Policy therefore recommends the following policy on grade-point averages:

In both policy and practice the numerical grade weights of 0.33 for pluses and 0.67 for minuses shall be used in the calculation of grade point averages.

The appendix at the end of this document shows the proposed numerical grade weights.

JUSTIFICATION:

The above recommendation is based on the following considerations:

1. The subjectivity of grading and the mathematical uncertainty in grade point average makes use of more than two decimal places in grade weights less appropriate.
2. Campus policy and practice will be consistent.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known budgetary or staff implications.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

The Committee recommends immediate implementation of this policy.

Appendix

Proposed Revision of Rule 71A

(Revisions and additions are in **bold**)

71. Computation of Scholastic Averages

A. Numerical Values

Grade Honor Points

A+ **4.00**A **4.00**A- **3.67**B+ **3.33**B **3.00**B- **2.67**F Failure (including courses dropped for
academic irregularities) = 0.00

Grade Honor Points

C+ **2.33**C **2.00**C- **1.67**D+ **1.33**D **1.00**D- **0.67**