

Your GPA and How to Maintain It

We often don't think about our GPA until we need to register for a course or complete.

You will greatly benefit by being aware of your GPA and how it affects you at University.

What is my GPA?

(From the University Calendar) "GPA stands for Grade Point Average. It is a weighted average calculated by multiplying the grade points for a course by the number of semester credit hours assigned to that course, adding those values for a set of courses, and dividing the result by the total number of semester credit hours for those courses. Separate GPA calculations are made for each academic level and term." The following chart explains the numbers and letter equivalents

Grade	GPA	Percent	Definition
A+	4.33	90-100	Exceptional achievement
A	4.00	85-89	Outstanding achievement
A-	3.67	80-84	Excellent achievement
B+	3.33	76-79	Very good achievement
B	3.00	72-75	Good achievement
B-	2.67	68-71	Good achievement
C+	2.33	64-67	Satisfactory achievement
C	2.00	60-63	Satisfactory achievement
C-	1.67	56-59	Marginal achievement. You cannot enrol in any course for which the graded course is a prerequisite.
D	1.00	50-55	Minimal achievement. You cannot enrol in any course for which the graded course is a prerequisite.
F	0.00	0-49	Unsatisfactory achievement. You did not meet course requirements.

All students registered in undergraduate courses have their Academic Standing reviewed at the end of every Term resulting in a TGPA and all terms also averaged to a Cumulative GPA.
<https://www.kpu.ca/calendar/2018-19/glossary.html>;

Excellent CGPA – 3.67 to 4.33

You are showing excellence in your University Studies. Now is a good time to apply for scholarships. You may also apply to become a Peer Tutor (paid) in the Learning Centres. At 3.75 you will Graduate with Distinction with a letter of commendation from the President.

Good CGPA – 2.67 to 3.33 and Satisfactory CGPA – 2.00 to 2.33

You are doing well at KPU. There are awards and bursaries that you can apply for to help defray your education costs. <https://www.kpu.ca/awards>
 Contact us at the Learning Centre to get help with study strategies and Peer Tutoring – all provided free of charge to you. <https://www.kpu.ca/learningcentres>

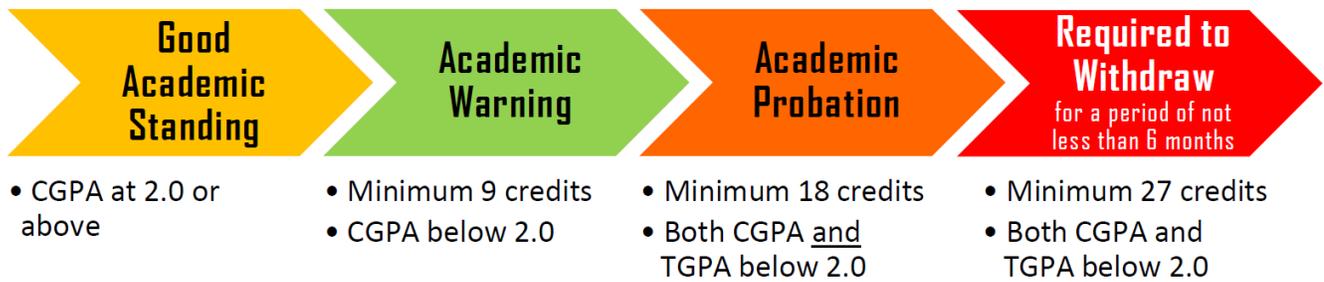
Danger! Cumulative GPA – 1.67 or less

Your Academic Standing is in danger at this point! This situation can lead to a number of negative consequences.

<https://www.kpu.ca/sites/default/files/Policies/ST6%20Minimum%20Academic%20Standards%20for%20Programs%20in%20Which%20Letter%20Grades%20Are%20Assigned%20Policy.pdf>



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Meaning of Warning Levels

Academic Warning

A student who has completed a minimum of 9.0 semester credit hours and has achieved a CGPA of less than 2.00, will be placed on Academic Warning. A student on Academic Warning may not repeat a course for which a grade of C or better has been assigned.

Academic Probation

A student who has been on Academic Warning, has completed a minimum of 18.0 semester credit hours, and has achieved a CGPA of less than 2.00, will be placed on Academic Probation. A student on Academic Probation may not repeat a course for which a grade of C or better has been assigned.

Required to Withdraw

A student who is on Academic Probation and completed a minimum of 27.0 semester credit hours, and whose TGPA and CGPA are both less than 2.00 will be referred to the university President for a decision as to whether the student shall be Required to Withdraw for a period of not less than six (6) months, or other action should be taken. Students who are required to withdraw may not enrol in undergraduate courses, but can, where applicable, enrol in university qualifying courses during their six (6) month withdrawal period.

New withdrawal policy (effective Fall 2019):

<https://www.kpu.ca/sites/default/files/Policies/ST13%20Course%20Withdrawal%20Policy.pdf>

What Can I Do to Avoid Negative Consequences?

There are a number of ways you can help yourself to avoid progressing to Required to Withdraw.

If you are contacted by the **Early Alert program**, respond and connect with University resources to help you succeed. The Early Alert program identifies students who are at risk of falling behind.

We want you to succeed! Come to **The Learning Centre** for help when you need it! **The Learning Centre** on your campus will connect you with a Learning Strategist and help you to book time with a content knowledgeable Peer Tutor. This will help you study smarter and learn better. <https://www.kpu.ca/learningcentres>

Book an appointment to see your **Academic Advisor** at <https://advisorconnect.kpu.ca>

Other References and resources: <https://www.kpu.ca/calendar/2018-19/academic-affairs/grades.html>;
<https://www.kpu.ca/learningcentres>; <https://www.kpu.ca/advising/resources/faqs>;