

## Grading Policies and Procedures

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### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**1. Where can I see my GPA?**

There are several places in [FlashLine](#) where you can view your GPA. Your unofficial transcript can be accessed by clicking on "View Unofficial Transcript" in the Student Category/Resources Page/Grades and Transcripts section. You can also see your overall GPA on your Student Dashboard and in your [GPS degree audit](#).

**2. How can I get help calculating my GPA?**

There are many online calculators that can help you determine your GPA. The Kent State [GPA Calculator](#) allows you to input the grades and hours to help calculate a term GPA.

**3. Why doesn't my 1.970 GPA round up to a 2.000?**

For purposes of calculating GPA, Kent State extends the GPA to three decimal points with no rounding up or down. If you have a requirement that requires a 2.000 GPA, a 1.970 GPA will not satisfy it.

**4. I have a question about a grade I received in a course, what should I do?**

Start by reviewing your course syllabus, assignment instructions, grading criteria and any feedback provided by your instructor to understand how the grade was determined. If you still have questions, you should then contact the instructor to request clarification or discuss the grade. In many cases, this conversation can resolve questions about grading or identify possible errors.

If concerns remain after speaking with your instructor, you may consult your academic advisor to better understand your options and relevant university policies and/or options for repeating a course if necessary. Depending on the situation, you may be eligible to request a formal grade review or pursue a grade appeal in accordance with university procedures.

**5. Where can I find my undergraduate major GPA, minor GPA or certificate GPA?**

You can find your GPA for each of your programs in your GPS degree audit (available in [FlashLine](#)). These are not displayed on your transcript or diploma and are not stored in the university's student information system. Only your overall GPA displays on your transcript.

**6. Can I choose which courses apply to my undergraduate major GPA, minor GPA or certificate GPA?**

No. Your GPS degree audit reflects the approved curriculum in the University Catalog and is the official record used for graduation. The policy already chooses the best grades taken from the courses required on the audit for the calculation.

**7. What is Latin Honors, and how will I know if I qualify with my GPA?**

Latin Honors (bachelor's degree students) and Graduation with Distinction (associate degree students) are recognition of high academic achievement for graduating undergraduate students. To learn more information about how to qualify, please see the [Honors at Graduation](#) section of the catalog. To see your individual status, you can log in to [FlashLine](#) and select "View Latin Honors GPA."

**8. How does repeating a course affect my GPA?**

Please refer to the [Course Repeat policy](#) since it varies depending on what level you are (undergraduate or graduate), how many times you have attempted the course, and if the course is repeatable for credit.

**9. Is C- a failing grade?**

For undergraduate courses, a C- grade is not considered a failing grade; however, some programs may require a higher grade for the course to count toward a requirement. In addition, a C- grade may affect your academic standing (probation, dismissal, etc.) if it lowers your GPA to be below a 2.000.

For graduate courses, a C- grade is not counted toward completion of requirements for any graduate program, but is counted in the GPA for graduation.