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## Why do I need to calculate my GPA using the GPA calculator?

When you calculate your GPA in percentage, we can compare it with the GPAs of other applicants worldwide, regardless of different grading systems.

Unfortunately, it is impossible to compare GPAs from many countries in a completely fair manner. The SCIENCE GPA calculation in percentage is the fairest way to

- admit applicants
- select recipients of our scholarships.

Please note that we will also consider the actual GPA from your transcript when we assess your application.

## How does the percentage calculation work?

When you enter your credits and grades into the GPA calculator, it will calculate where on the scale of 0-100% your grades are.

The GPA in percentage is calculated in the range of passed grades (e.g., 60-100), while your actual GPA is calculated in the whole range (e.g., 0-100). Since the GPA in percentage is calculated in a much smaller range than the actual GPA, it will result in a lower number, and this is expected.

## **Which courses should I include?**

Include all the courses listed on your transcript that have been assessed with a grade. You must include the course titles of courses assessed with a **pass/fail** grade, but don't put in the grade or the number of credits.

You must also include the course titles of courses with 0 credits, but please leave the grades and credits section empty for these courses as well.

## **My grades are letters. How do I fill in my grades?**

You will have to convert your letters into numerical grades.

Usually, you can find a conversion table on either

- your transcript (e.g., what A corresponds to in percentage)
- on your university's website.

You should contact your university if you need more information on how to convert your grades into numbers.

## **My letter grades cannot be converted into numbers. What should I do?**

If you are not able to find a conversion table on your transcript or on your university's website, please ask your university how to convert your grades into numbers.

If it is impossible to convert your letter grades into numbers, please upload a document in which you explain this instead of the GPA calculator.

## **My grades correspond to ranges of numbers. How do I fill in my grades?**

Use the highest number if your grade is converted into a range of numbers. E.g., if the grade A+ is converted into the range 95-100, you should put 100 in the GPA calculator for courses assessed with an A+.

## **My credits are not ECTS. Do I need to convert them?**

You don't need to convert your credits into ECTS. The GPA calculator works with all kinds of numerical credits. All courses in the calculator must be on the same credit scale.

## **The grading scale is not the same for all courses on my transcript. Why should I not use the calculator?**

It is not possible for you to use the GPA calculator if the grading scale is not the same for all courses on your transcript. Instead of the GPA calculator, please upload your transcript.

**Not all courses on my transcript count towards my actual GPA at my university. Should I include the courses that do not count towards my actual GPA in the GPA calculator?**

You must include all courses on your transcript even if the grades in some of them do not count towards the GPA calculated by your university.

**My transcript is from a UK university and I'm worried that the GPA calculator does not accurately reflect my grades due to how the UK grading system works. How do I use the calculator?**

You have to fill out the calculator like all other applicants. We are familiar with the UK grading system and will take this into account when assessing your application. We will also consider the actual GPA from your transcript.