

How to Calculate Grade Point Deficiencies

The College of Science expects that each student will perform at a satisfactory level (C or above) each semester, in all courses and also within major courses only. In order to calculate grade points earned, a student multiplies the number of credit hours of a course or courses, by the numerical grade value (where A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0, F=0.0).

For example in a 4 hour BIOL 111 course, a student earns a D. Grade points earned can be calculated in the following manner:

4 hours (number of hours BIOL 111 is worth) x 1.0 (numerical value of D) = 4.0 grade points

Remember that the College expects at least a C in your major courses, so the expected grade points are calculated below:

4 hours (number of hours BIOL 111 is worth) x 2.0 (numerical value of C) = 8.0 grade points

There is a 4 point difference between what the student earned and the minimum acceptable grade points; therefore, this student has a deficit of 4 grade points.

To examine expected grade points for a typical semester load, examine the course schedule below:

BIOL 111	4 hrs	A (4.0)	16 grade points
CHEM 101	3 hrs	C (2.0)	6 grade points
CHEM 111	1 hrs	C (2.0)	2 grade points
MATH 147	4 hrs	D (1.0)	4 grade points
ENGL 104	3 hrs	F (0.0)	0 grade points
Total	15 hours	1.867 GPA	28 grade points

If I expect a C average for the semester, I would expect no less than 30 grade points.

15 hrs x 2.0 (numerical value for C average) = 30 grade points

The student earned 28 grade points and therefore has a 2 point grade deficit. If the major is BIOL or CHEM, there is no major deficit. If the major is MATH, there is a 4 point deficit in the major.

Students having a grade point deficit between 1 and 7, will be granted one term of **probation** in order to raise grades to an overall and major GPA of 2.0. If students do not obtain this in one semester, they will be removed from the College of Science. **Probation for the above case would indicate that a student must earn C's in all courses with the exception of one, in which they must earn a B (2 hour course) or an A (1 hour course). If they were a math major, they would have to earn all C's and a B in a 4 hour MATH course. Often students will see terms to reflect the above as C+2 overall and C+4 in the major.**

Also, two consecutive semesters below a semester GPA of 2.0 will cause a student to be removed.

Finally, a grade point deficit of 8 grade points or more is cause for removal.

*Courses taken pass/fail (KINE 199) do not impact GPA unless the grade awarded is unsatisfactory. In this case, the grade equivalent is an F and the GPA is lowered.

*Students utilizing First Year Grade Exclusion are still placed on probation and must meet these terms in the subsequent semester in order to avoid removal.