

ALL About The About Grades

Let's make sure that you know how to "READ" your college transcript. It's all about the grades...right?

- Your transcript will reflect all course completions.
- Your transcript will list all academic courses according to the date they were completed. The oldest courses will be listed first.
- All courses will have course codes and specific class titles to differentiate them.

How do I calculate my grade point average?

To calculate your grade point average (GPA), you will need the number of credit hours for your courses, your final grade in your courses, and the number of grade points for the grades you have received. Multiply the number of credit hours for each course by the number of letter grade value. Then, divide by the number of credit hours to calculate your GPA.

Let's practice!

Click on the picture for a quick lesson on calculating GPA.

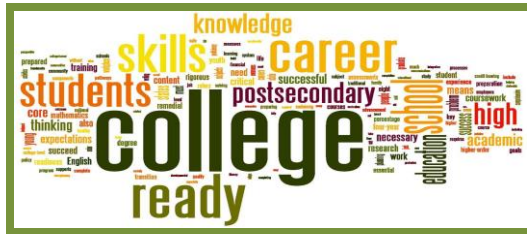


What is grade forgiveness? Grade forgiveness occurs when a student replaces an unsatisfactory grade (D, F, or WF) with a satisfactory grade. The student has the option to retake the **SAME** course to improve his/her grade. On the second attempt, if the student receives a higher grade, the "NEW" grade will be reflected on the student's transcript.



Financial Aid Process:

- Be sure to begin the process early when applying for financial aid. You must apply for financial aid each year by completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- The complete process could last from 4-6 weeks.
- Make sure that you are **AWARE** of your tuition deadline(s) by making an appointment with your Financial Aid Counselor.
- Federal assistance requirements are the following: 1) You must be admitted to a degree seeking program of study; 2) You must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States of America; & 3) You must remain in compliance with the Satisfactory Academic Progression (SAP) policy for federal aid applicants.
- Be sure to speak with your Financial Aid Counselor to ensure that you understand the SAP policy for receiving your financial aid from one academic school year to the next.



Managing the Course Syllabi:

- Use the course syllabus as a contract between you and your instructors. Both parties **MUST** do their parts.
- The course syllabus will include detailed information for all content and assessments for the class.
- Be sure to highlight dates for **ALL** quizzes, tests, midterms, projects, and finals.
- Be sure to highlight the percentages that make up your final grade.
- Be sure to have all required materials for each class. Your instructor and/or professor may require specific items.
- Be sure to keep up with all assigned reading (s). You may walk into a **POP QUIZ** during any class period.
- Be sure to mark **ALL** important dates from your class syllabi on your dorm room calendar. This will help you to remain organized and meet **ALL** deadlines.
- **ASK** questions if you are unclear about information that is found in the syllabus.

Success by
CHOICE
not by chance

Tips for Navigating the First Day of Class:

- Arrive to class early.
- Sit near the front of the class.
- Be prepared to **LISTEN!!!**
- Be prepared to **WORK!!!**
- **ASK** questions!!!
- **SEEK** additional resources for success.
- Begin to select a **STUDY** partner.



**The GOAL is to do this
AGAIN in 4 years!!!**

