Tips for getting good grades

1. **Attend** all classes. If you miss one, be sure to contact your instructor.

2. **Stay current** on reading and submit all assignments on time.

3. Participate in class discussions—many instructors include class participation in your final grade.

4. **Talk with your instructor** about any questions on the material and/or assignments and be professional and considerate in all communications—email and verbal.

5. **Know the drop deadlines & procedures**
   - If you have Financial Aid, verify that you will have enough credits, after dropping, to remain eligible for aid.
   - If possible, accomplish the drop early enough to avoid a “W” (withdrawal) on your transcript, or at least by the final drop date.
   - Be aware that a late drop [filed after the final drop deadline] may not always be approved and requires two approvals—instructor and Dean.
   - **Do not simply quit going to class** without filing the necessary drop paperwork! Not dropping officially, results in an “XF” which may require a re-take of the same class or future high grades to offset the damage to your GPA. It also represents a financial loss for the cost of the course.
   - A grade of XF for not attending can require you to repay financial aid.

More about Dropping & Adding Courses at [www.uwrf.edu/Registrar/PoliciesAndProcedures/AddDrop.cfm](http://www.uwrf.edu/Registrar/PoliciesAndProcedures/AddDrop.cfm)
Computing GPA

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I: Incomplete (Not Computed in GPA—will need a final letter grade to graduate)
S: Satisfactory (Not Computed in GPA)
U: Unsatisfactory (Computed in GPA as a failing grade)
W: A Late Drop (Not computed in GPA)

More about grades
www.uwrf.edu/Registrar/Grades.cfm

An example

A (4 honor points) X 3 credit class = 12.000
C (2 honor points) X 3 credit class = 6.000
B (3 honor points) X 4 credit class = 12.000
B+ (3.333 honor points) X 3 credit class = 9.999
TOTAL = 39.999

39.999 / 13 credits attempted = 3.076 GPA

GPA standards

- Keeping your cumulative (all semesters) GPA at or above 3.0 (B average) is recommended and is required for some programs such as student teaching.
- A cumulative 3.0 GPA makes you eligible for many honor societies (i.e. AKD-Sociology, Phi Alpha Theta-History, and more) which adds distinction to your resume and allows you to wear the society’s honor cords at graduation. Some honor societies have a higher GPA requirement.
- Considering Graduate School? A cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above can enhance your chances of acceptance.
- 2.0 is the minimum cumulative GPA requirement to remain in “good standing.”

Off-setting a low grade

- 3-credit F requires a 3-credit A to average a grade of C.
- 3-credit D requires a 3-credit B to average a grade of C.
- It is possible for your GPA to recover from a few low grades, though you’ll save yourself stress, time and money if you can avoid them. (An F or D may be retaken, but costs time and money to do so.)
- Use the “Desired GPA Calculator” section of GPA Calculator (at left) to determine what you need to overcome a low grade.

More about Requesting & understanding student records
www.uwrf.edu/Registrar/StudentRecordsRequestingUnderstanding.cfm