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
Computing GPA

**Honor points per credit hour**

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**More about grades**

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**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

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.

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