

Policy Title: Weighted Average Mark and Grade Point Average

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1. INTENT

To define the method of calculation, publication and usage of Weighted Average Marks and Grade Point Averages.

2. ORGANISATIONAL SCOPE

All ECU Students and Staff

3. DEFINITIONS

| TERM | DEFINITION |
|----------------|--|
| course | A program of study necessary to qualify for an award of the University or a non-award course approved for delivery in accordance with University policy. |
| GPA | Grade Point Average – ECU recognises both four (4) and seven (7) point basis of calculation. |
| grading schema | In accordance with the <i>Admissions, Enrolment and Academic Progress Rules</i> , the defined of assignment of a grade of assessment. |
| SIMO | Student Information Management Online - the system used by students to enrol and view results and other enrolment related information. |
| WAM | Weighted Average Mark |

4. POLICY CONTENT

4.1 The University calculates a WAM and GPA to

4.1.1 Provide individual students and the University with an indicator of academic performance; and

- 4.1.2 to provide other institutions, professional bodies or prospective employers with an indicator of a student’s academic performance.
- 4.2 For each student enrolled in a course, the University will calculate the following measures:
 - 4.2.1 Course WAM – calculated for all completed units at the end of each semester and on course completion.
 - 4.2.2 Course GPA – calculated for all completed units at the end of each semester and on course completion.
- 4.3 The University will publish the performance measures in accordance with Table 1 - Publication of Performance Measures.

Table 1 - Publication of Performance Measures

| Measure | Publication |
|----------------------------|---|
| Course WAM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIMO • Academic Transcript |
| Course GPA (4-point scale) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIMO • Academic Transcript |
| Course GPA (7-point scale) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On request |

- 4.4 Calculation
 - 4.4.1 A WAM is calculated using the following method:

$$\frac{\sum(\text{unit credit points} \times \text{mark} \times \text{weighting})}{\sum(\text{unit credit points} \times \text{weighting})}$$

Where:

Unit Credit Points: the number of credit points ascribed to the units enrolled in by the student in the relevant semester or course.

Mark: The numeric mark recorded as the assessment outcome for each unit a student has studied. Units assessed without a numeric mark value will not be included in the calculation.

Weighting (WAM Weighting Value): This is a value assigned to a unit to ‘weight’ different level units. Unless otherwise stated, the weighted value for all units will be 1.00.

4.4.2 A GPA is calculated using the following method:

$$\frac{\sum(\text{grade value} \times \text{unit credit points})}{\sum(\text{unit credit points})}$$

Where:

Unit Credit Points: the number of credit points ascribed to the units enrolled in by the student in the relevant semester or course.

Grade Value: The numeric value assigned under Table 2 below to the grade recorded as the assessment outcome for each unit a student has studied. Only units assessed under Grading Schema 1 will be included in the calculation. Units assessed without a numeric mark value will not be included in the calculation.

Table 2 – Numeric values for purposes of calculating Grade Values

| Grade | 4-Point Scale Grade Value | 7-Point Scale Grade Value |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| High Distinction | 4 | 7 |
| Distinction | 3.5 | 6 |
| Credit | 3 | 5 |
| Pass | 2 | 4 |
| Pass (Conceded) | 1 | 4 |
| Pass (Supplementary) | 1 | 4 |
| Fail | 0 | 0 |
| Fail (Supplementary) | 0 | 0 |
| Fail (Incomplete) | 0 | 0 |
| Withdrawn Fail | 0 | 0 |

5. ACCOUNTABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In relation to this policy, the following positions are responsible for the following:

Policy Owner

- a. The Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor has overall responsibility for the content of this policy.
- b. The Director, Student Administration has responsibility for the operation of the policy.

All members of the University community are expected to comply with University Policy.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS:

6.1 Other documents which are relevant to the operation of this policy are as follows:

- [Admission, Enrolment and Academic Progress Rules](#);
- [Assessment Policy](#); and
- [Assessment, Moderation and Examination Procedures](#).

7. CONTACT INFORMATION

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8. APPROVAL HISTORY

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