

How does GSBS calculate my GPA and what is included in the GPA?

The Texas Coordinating Board for Higher Education determines the procedures for calculating the GPA for students seeking admission to a graduate or professional school in the state of Texas. All institutions must follow these guidelines. The guidelines are as follows:

1. Only official transcripts from accredited institutions of higher education shall be accepted by the graduate and professional schools of an institution of higher education for evaluation and grade-point calculation.
2. All academic work undertaken and grades or symbols assigned at each institution shall be reflected on the student's official transcript(s). No student's grade may be expunged from his or her record.
3. All grades assigned for academic course work shall be used in calculating the grade-point average.
4. A four-point scale shall be used in computing the grade point average (e.g.: A, 4 points per semester hour; B, 3.0; C, 2.0; D, 1.0; F, 0.0).
5. A grade or symbol indicating failure (i.e.: F, WF, NC, or in a pass/fail system, FL equals F) shall count as hours undertaken, but no grade points shall be earned.
6. Excluded from the grade-point average shall be any credit by examination (CR); Quit (Q); Withdrew (W); Withdrew Passing (WP); Incomplete (I or X); and a pass grade within a pass/fail system.
7. The grade-point average shall be computed by multiplying each grade point (see paragraph (4) and (5) of this subsection) by the semester or quarter credit hours earned per course and totaling the products. The semester or quarter hours of courses undertaken shall then be totaled. The total of the products shall be divided by the total semester or quarter hours. The result is to be calculated to the hundredth place, giving the official cumulative grade-point average.
8. Academic work at foreign colleges, universities, or preparatory schools shall be excluded from the calculation. In such cases, the grade-point average and credit shall be evaluated and computed as determined by the graduate or professional school to which the student is applying.

How to complete the GPA Calculator:

The GMS GPA Calculator consists of 3 tabs. All tabs will need to be completed.

On the first tab of the GMS GPA Calculator (SingleSciWeightedGPA), all coursework minus the first 30 hours of college credit needs to be listed. Enter all coursework taken except for the first 30 hours (roughly the first 2 semesters attended). Those 30 hours will include dual credit courses, if applicable.

On the second tab (Science), all science and math courses will be included here. These include Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Physics & Math coursework.

On the third tab (Last 60 hours), start with the most recent coursework taken and go back four full semesters. Typically this coursework will come out between 55 and 65 hours, encompassing the 3rd and 4th year of curriculum.

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Graduate Medical Sciences Admissions Committee will review multiple GPAs for admission – Single Science Weighted GPA, Overall Science GPA, Last 60 Hours GPA, and Overall GPA.

The Overall Science GPA includes all undergraduate level biology, chemistry, physics and math course work. Included in the Overall Science GPA are courses which satisfy the prerequisite course work which is the same as required by TTUHSC School of Medicine.

When submitting/uploading the GMS GPA Calculation, please name it: Last Name, First Name GMS GPA Calculator. Each tab of the Excel sheet (3 tabs) must be completed for the supplemental item to be complete. Instructions for each calculation will be found in red on the spreadsheet.

What is validation?

Validation is a process by which the GSBS verifies what you entered in the GMS GPA Calculator against official transcripts for those applicants who submit & complete the application. We compare each transcript to verify that the course work entered matches exactly to what is on the transcripts. All official transcripts must be received by GSBS before the validation process can be completed. Any application where incorrect information is found to have been entered will be viewed as falsifying academic records and the application will not move forward for review by the GMS Admissions Committee. It is the applicant's duty to insure all coursework is entered accurately into the GMS GPA Calculator to give accurate GPA calculations for admission consideration.

