

Agreement on the GPA System in the Tohoku University Undergraduate Program

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Academic Affairs Council

(Purpose)

Article 1 This Agreement stipulates necessary matters regarding the GPA (Grade Point Average) system in the undergraduate program of Tohoku University (hereinafter "the University") in order to enhance the academic motivation of students and contribute to the provision of appropriate learning guidance, as well as to promote rigorous grade evaluation and improve the quality of learning.

(Utilization of the GPA)

Article 2 Each faculty may, at its own discretion, decide how to utilize the GPA.

(Evaluation and the GP)

Article 3 GP (Grade Points) derived from grade evaluation (hereinafter "Evaluation"), as stipulated within the Regulations of each faculty, faculty internal regulations on enrollment and Regulations on Tohoku University General Education Subjects, shall be as provided in the table below.

Grade Evaluation		GP
Letter grade	Score	
AA	100-90	4.0
A	89-80	3.0
B	79-70	2.0
C	69-60	1.0
D	59-0	0.0

(Types of GPA and Calculation Method)

Article 4 Clause 1 There shall be two types of GPA: GPA as an index of academic status/performance during a particular semester (hereinafter "Semester GPA"), and GPA as an index of academic status/performance during the entire enrollment period (hereinafter "Cumulative GPA").

Clause 2 The formula for the Semester GPA and the Cumulative GPA shall be as stipulated in the following Items; in the calculation results, numbers beyond the second decimal point shall be truncated.

Item 1 Semester GPA formula

$$\text{Semester GPA} = \frac{\text{Total of (GP of each course evaluated for the semester} \\ \times \text{the number of credits for each course)}}{\text{Total credits for the courses evaluated for the semester}}$$

Item 2 Cumulative GPA formula

$$\text{Cumulative GPA} = \frac{\text{Total of (GP of each course evaluated during the entire enrollment period} \\ \times \text{the number of credits for each course)}}{\text{Total credits for the courses evaluated for the entire enrollment period}}$$

(Courses Affecting the GPA)

Article 5 Clause 1 Courses that affect the GPA are courses in the undergraduate program of the University evaluated with a letter grade or score (including courses offered by other faculties) that are also a part of the graduation requirement.

Clause 2 Upon calculation of the GPA, each faculty may, in an appropriate manner, select or exclude courses that affect the GPA based on the purpose of GPA utilization.

Clause 3 Regardless of the stipulations in Article 5 Clause 1, the following courses shall not affect the Semester GPA or the Cumulative GPA.

Item 1 Courses deemed to have been taken at the University in accordance with stipulations in Article 11-2 Clause 1, Article 26-5 Clause 1, Article 26-6 Clause 1 and Article 26-7 Clause 1 of the Tohoku University Faculty Regulations

Item 2 Courses for which students have requested cancellation of registration by the stipulated deadline, and for which cancellation has been approved

Item 3 Courses designated by the Chairperson of the Academic Affairs Council, the Faculty/School or the Department

(Handling of Repeated Courses)

Article 6 Clause 1 When a student receives a D/less than 60 points for a required course, then repeats the course and receives a C/60 points or higher, the previous GP and credits for the course shall be excluded from the calculation of the Cumulative GPA.

Clause 2 The previous Clause does not apply to the Semester GPA.

(Indication on the Academic Transcript)

Article 7 As a general rule, the Semester GPA and the Cumulative GPA shall not be indicated on the academic transcript. However, when the institution receiving the academic transcript for purposes of study abroad programs, etc. requests indication of the GPA, the Cumulative GPA, the evaluation of courses for which the student could not obtain credits, the evaluation method, and the GPA calculation formula shall all be indicated.

(Rigor in Grade Evaluation)

Article 8 The Academic Affairs Council and the General Education Subject Committees of the Academic Affairs Council shall aim to promote appropriate evaluation of General Education Subjects based on the Grading Guidelines for General Education Subjects. Based on this, efforts shall also be made to promote appropriate evaluation for major-specific courses in each faculty.

(Miscellaneous Provisions)

Article 9 Aside from the stipulations in this Agreement, necessary matters regarding the handling of GPAs shall be separately stipulated by the Academic Affairs Council after discussions by the Educational Records and Programs Committee of the Academic Affairs Council.

Supplementary Provisions

This Agreement takes effect on April 1, 2016, and shall be applied to undergraduate students newly enrolling (including students re-enrolling in their respective years, continuing their studies, and transferring in) in the 2016 academic year.

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