

Annex 1. How to Calculate Your American GPA

A step-by-step guide for Master Mind Scholarship applicants

What is a GPA?

The Grade Point Average (GPA) is the standard way to express academic results in the United States. It uses a scale from 0.0 to 4.0. To apply for the Master Mind Scholarship, you need to convert your grades to this scale. This guide shows you how to do that using the free online tool recommended by VLUHR: the **Scholaro GPA Calculator**.

How is the GPA calculated?

The GPA calculation consists of two steps. First, each of your grades is converted from your country's grading scale to a US grade (A, B, C, D or F) and corresponding GPA points. Then, your cumulative GPA is calculated by multiplying each course's GPA points by its credits, summing those products, and dividing by the total number of credits. Scholaro performs both steps automatically.

The standard US conversion from letter grades to GPA points is as follows:

US Grade	GPA Points	US Grade	GPA Points
A+ / A	4.0	C+	2.3
A-	3.7	C	2.0
B+	3.3	C-	1.7
B	3.0	D+	1.3
B-	2.7	D	1.0
		F	0.0

Note: Scholaro also uses intermediate grades such as AB (3.5) and BC (2.5). The exact conversion depends on your country's grading scale.

Step-by-step: calculate your GPA with Scholaro

Step 1: Go to the Scholaro GPA Calculator

Open the following link in your browser:

<https://www.scholaro.com/gpa-calculator/>

You do **not** need to create an account. The free calculator is sufficient.

Note: The free version of Scholaro has a limited number of GPA calculations per day. Make sure you have entered all your courses correctly **before** clicking "Calculate GPA", so you do not waste a calculation on incomplete data.

Step 2: Select your country

At the top of the calculator, type or select the name of your country (i.e. the country where you obtained your degree). The tool will automatically load the correct grading scale and show the conversion to US grades on the right side of the page.

Step 3: Choose the correct grading scale

If your country has multiple grading scales, a dropdown will appear. Select the scale used by your home institution. If you are unsure, check your transcript of records — it usually mentions which scale is used.

Take a moment to review the conversion table that appears on the right. This shows you how your grades will be mapped to US grades and GPA points.

Step 4: Enter your courses

For each course on your transcript, fill in the following columns:

- **Term** — optional, e.g. “1” or “2” for year or semester.
- **Course** — the name of the course.
- **Credits or hours** — the number of credits (ECTS or other) for that course.
- **Grade** — the grade you received, using the scale of your country (e.g. a number on a 20-point scale, a percentage, a letter grade).

Click “**Add**” if you need more rows. Enter **all** graded courses from your transcript to get an accurate cumulative GPA.

Step 5: Click "Calculate GPA"

Once all courses are entered, click the “**Calculate GPA**” button. Your cumulative GPA on the US 4.0 scale will appear at the top right of the results table.

This is the number you need for your Master Mind Scholarship application.

Step 6: Record your GPA

Write down and take a screenshot of your calculated GPA. You will need to include this value in your scholarship application.

Example: Flemish grading scale (Belgium)

A student from Flanders (Belgium) selects “Belgium” as the country and “Flemish” as the grading scale. The Flemish scale in Scholaro converts grades as follows:

Flemish grade	Description	US Grade Points
20	With highest honors	4.0
18 – 19.99	With full praise / with highest honors	4.0
16 – 17.99	With great praise with high honors	4.0
14 – 15.99	With praise / with honors	3.0
12 – 13.99	With reward / satisfactory	2.0
10 – 11.99	With reward / pass	1.7

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8 – 9.99	Fail, possibility of deliberation	0.0
0 – 7.99	Fail, without possibility of deliberation	0.0

The student enters the following three courses:

Course	Credits	Grade	US Grade	GPA Points
Wiskunde / Math	6	17	A	4.0
Kunstgeschiedenis / Art History	6	12	C	2.0
Bachelor thesis	12	18	A+	4.0

Calculation: $(6 \times 4.0 + 6 \times 2.0 + 12 \times 4.0) \div (6 + 6 + 12) = 84.0 \div 24 = 3.500$ GPA

You do not need to do this calculation yourself — Scholaro does it automatically. This example is provided so you understand how the GPA is derived.

Important: The Flemish scale in Scholaro uses broad conversion bands. For example, any grade between 16 and 17.99 maps to 4.0 (A), while grades between 14 and 15.99 map to 3.0 (B). There are no intermediate values such as A– or B+. This means small differences in your Flemish grades can have a large impact on your GPA. Conversion scales for other countries may or may not be more fine-grained.

Hints & tips

Ask your home institution to include the American GPA directly on your transcript of records. Many institutions can do this on request, which saves you the calculation step entirely.

Double-check your grades. Make sure the grades you enter match exactly what is on your transcript. Even a small difference (e.g. entering 15 instead of 16) can change your US grade and significantly affect your GPA.

Use all courses. Enter every graded course from your transcript. Leaving out courses will give you an inaccurate result.

Credits matter. If your transcript does not list credits, enter 1 for every course so that all courses are weighted equally.

Review the conversion table for your country before entering grades. This helps you understand how your grades will be converted and allows you to verify that the result makes sense.