

United States Grading System

The U.S. grading system is on a scale of 4.0 In this system you will find the following

A grade of A in the U.S. is worth 4 quality points.

A grade of B in the U.S. is worth 3 quality points.

A grade of C in the U.S. is worth 2 quality points.

A grade of D in the U.S. is worth 1 quality point.

A grade of F in the U.S. is worth 0 quality point.

If you are enrolled in a Chemistry class with a lab, this total class will be worth a total of 4 credit hours for you. If you earn a grade of B in this class you would have 3 quality points for that grade of B. To determine what your U.S. grade point average (GPA) is you multiply the hours your class is worth (4) by the quality points you earned for the course (in this case a B is worth 3 quality points) so you would say $4 \times 3 = 12$

You would do this for each individual class you have during your semester of enrollment. So for example let us say you are enrolled for a total of 12 semester hours (each course is worth 3 hours) and you earn 3 grades of B and one grade of A. 3 B's worth 3 quality points each with each of your 12 semester hours (each class being worth 3 hours each). Your quality hours for the 3 B's would be 27. Your quality points for your grade of A would be 12 because you would multiply your grade of A (an A is worth 4 quality points) by 3 and that would be your 12.

So you have 12 hours that you will divide into your total of your quality points, which is 39. The result is 3.25, which is your American grade point average.

How does this compare to your home country system? That depends on your country of origin. If you are from India, for example, this would be equivalent to the 50-54% Marks System whereas if you are from Germany it would be more in the range of 2.6 to 3.5 in your system or from France it would be 12 to 13.9 or Korea it would be 80-89.