GPA Calculators in Degree Works
Quick Start Guide

Disclaimer: GPA Calculators in Degree Works provide GPA estimations and should be viewed only as such. The transcript is the official record of grades and GPA for Western students. Grades of K, NP, NX, P, S, SW, U, X, XM and W are not included in GPA calculations.

Degree Works offers three different GPA Calculators: Graduation, Term, and Advice. To access the GPA Calculators, click on the GPA Calc tab. Once on the GPA Calc tab, you will see the three options on the left side of the page.

Graduation Calculator
The Graduation Calculator is designed to help students plan ahead to achieve their desired GPA upon graduation. The Graduation Calculator requires the user to enter three numbers: Credits Remaining, Credits Required, and Desired GPA.

Credits Remaining are the number of outstanding credits required for the student to complete in order for the student to attain their degree or certificate. These credits must be both completed at Western and graded on the A-F scale. If a student plans to take classes in the future that are not letter graded, or plans to transfer classes from other institutions to Western to complete remaining requirements for their degree or certificate, these credits should be subtracted from the Credits Remaining total.

Credits Required are the total amount of credits required for the degree or certificate in which the student is seeking. Students must subtract the total number of credits transferred as well as all credits already completed not graded on the A-F scale from their Credits Required total. This information can be found in the Class History link in Degree Works or on the student’s Academic History (unofficial transcript) in Web4U. Additionally, if a student plans to take classes in the future that are not letter graded or plans to transfer classes from other institutions to Western to complete remaining requirements for their degree, these credits should be subtracted from Credits Required total. Please note that while all bachelors degrees from Western require a minimum of 180 credits for completion, the total number of credits required for the student’s particular program of student may be greater than 180.
Desired GPA is the cumulative GPA that is sought by the student at the completion of their degree or certificate.

Example
Vicki Viking — an undergraduate pursuing a degree of Bachelor of Arts majoring in Business Administration – Finance Concentration — aspires to graduate with a 3.85 cumulative GPA. Vicki’s current cumulative GPA is 3.78. Vicki has both completed classes at a community college before transferring to Western and has completed courses graded S/U at Western.

Credits Remaining. Because the student is both registered for in-progress classes and classes in a future term, Vicki first must uncheck the boxes to exclude these classes on her worksheet and click Process New. As Vicki is seeking a Degree of Bachelor of Arts, the student can now see that she must complete a minimum of 88.5 additional credits in the degree block on her worksheet. As Western does not offer partial credit courses, Vicki must round this up to 89 Credits Remaining.

Credits Required. On Vicki’s Student Academic History (unofficial transcript) available in Web4U, Vicki sees that Western accepted 26.5 transfer credits when was admitted. Additionally, Vicki has completed two courses at two credit hours each at Western totaling 4 credits that were S/U graded. Because Vicki can complete her degree of Bachelor of Arts with the minimum 180 credits and is not required to complete additional credits beyond 180, Vicki subtracts the 26.5 transfer credits and 4 credits S/U graded from Western from 180 for a total of 149.5 total Credits Required. Again, because Western does not offer partial credit courses, Vicki must round this number up to 150 Credits Required.
Vicki does not plan to complete any additional courses at Western not graded on the A-F scale. Additionally, Vicki does not plan to transfer classes from other institutions to Western to complete remaining requirements for her degree.

Vicki now enters 89 for Credits Remaining, 150 for Credits Required, 3.85 for Desired GPA and clicks ‘Calculate’. The GPA Calculator informs Vicki that she must average a 3.89 over her final 89 credits to graduate with her desired 3.85 Cumulative GPA.

1. The student enters their Credits Remaining, Credits Required, and Desired GPA.
2. Click Calculate.
3. Degree Works will provide advice as to what the student must average over their final remaining credits in order to graduate with their desired GPA.

**Term Calculator**

The term calculator allows students to see how predicted grades for currently enrolled courses will affect their cumulative GPA at the end of the term. Only graded courses taken at Western are factored into the student’s cumulative GPA.

1. Students select the grade they believe they will receive in the course.
2. Click Calculate to view the estimated cumulative GPA at the end of the term.

**Note:** A student’s cumulative GPA only reflects graded courses. If a student is enrolled in a course that is graded as Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory or Pass/No Pass, the student will need to remove the class from this list to see an accurate calculation of their cumulative GPA at the end of the term. To remove a course from Term Calculator class list, simply highlight the course and hit the Delete or Backspace key.
1. Highlight the course(s) graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory or Pass/No Pass. Use the Delete or Backspace key on your keyboard to remove the course.

2. Click Calculate.

3. Degree Works will provide an end-of-term GPA estimation excluding the removed classes.

**Advice Calculator**

The advice calculator provides students with possible paths to obtain their desired GPA. This calculator is particularly useful for students to view pathways towards attaining specific academic goals such as academic standing, or GPAs associated with scholarships or admission requirements. The only input required for this calculator is the student’s desired GPA.

1. The student will enter their desired cumulative GPA.

2. Click Calculate.

3. Degree Works will provide paths for the student to achieve their desired GPA.