

## Alternate GPA

### How do I allow transfer grades, not normally counted in GPA, to carry a GPA affect?

Situation: The Social Work degree requires that all courses required in the major be completed with a minimum GPA of 2.5. This applies to transfer courses as well as home courses.

Encoding occurs in two places:

- Support Grade Master Table
- On the sub-requirement

#### Support Grade Master Table:

Most institutions don't include transfer courses in official GPA calculations, but often have a need to calculate a special GPA that includes transfer courses.

The Grade Master Table (under the Glove icon) allows each grade to have two different definitions for the GPA. A sub-requirement automatically uses the regular definition of the grade's GPA unless it is specified in the sub-requirement that the alternate definition of the GPA should be used.

Since transfer grades can either "count" or "not count" in GPA, both grade situations must be set up in the DARS Support Grade Master Table.

Alternate GPA entries are placed in the Grade Master Table with the GPA Points specified and the GPA Calc field set to < **A** >.

D - Not used / count as duplicate
Y - Use in GPA calculation
<b>A - Use in alternate GPA</b>
B - Use in alternate, no adjust
I - Use input credit, points
V - Compare GPA
C - Adjust GPA
' - <Not used in GPA calculation>

In the Grade Master Table below, Transfer grades (TA, TAB, TB, TC, etc.) are listed twice. The first transfer grade of TA has a **GPA Calc** of **< A >** “Use in alternate GPA.” The Alternate GPA grade entry for a grade must be placed above the regular entry for that grade.

The second transfer grade of TA has a blank **GPA Calc** of “Not used in GPA calculation.” The alternate GPA grade carries the same condition codes as the resident grade.

Transfer grades with GPA points used in DARS Support Grade Table should have an alternate GPA. Passing grades, with the Universal Grade symbol of **< (501) >**, do not require an Alternate Grade entry. AP, CLEP, DSST scores normally do not require an Alternate Grade.

Depending on your institutions policy, F=NTF may not require an Alternate Grade.

**Note:** The Alternate grade **MUST** appear before the transfer grade on the DARS Support Grade Table.

TA 4.000 **< A >** GPA Calc followed by TA 4.000 blank GPA Calc

A*	Grade	Report Grade	GPA Pt	GPA Calc	Add Credit	Add Count	IP	Condg	Action	Pseudo	Force do	Delig	Re place	C K	
1	?		.000			0						X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more
2	*		.000		Z	0								<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	more
3	*		.000	Y	Y	1						X	R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	more
4	TWA		4.000	A	Y	1						X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more
5	TWA		4.000		Y	1						X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more
6	WA		.000	Y	Y	1						X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more
7	A		4.000	Y	Y	1		ABC				X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more
8	TA		4.000	A	Y	1		TABC				X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more
9	TA		4.000		Y	1		TABC				X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more
10	TAB		3.500	A	Y	1		TABC				X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more
11	TAB		3.500		Y	1		TABC				X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more
12	B		3.000	Y	Y	1		BC				X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more
13	TB		3.000	A	Y	1		TBC				X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more
14	TB		3.000		Y	1		TBC				X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more
15	TBC		2.500	A	Y	1		TBC				X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more
16	TBC		2.500		Y	1		TBC				X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more
17	C		2.000	Y	Y	1		C				X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more
18	TC		2.000	A	Y	1		TC				X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more
19	TC		2.000		Y	1		TC				X	R	<input type="checkbox"/>	more

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Setup Tables: Grades for 002332". On the left is a tree view of grade categories, and on the right is a table with columns: Grade, Report Grade, GPA Pt, GPA Calc, Add Credit, Add Count, IP, Condg, Ac tion, Pseu do, Force Delig, Re place, and C K. Each row in the table has a "more" button.

Grade	Report Grade	GPA Pt	GPA Calc	Add Credit	Add Count	IP	Condg	Ac tion	Pseu do	Force Delig	Re place	C K
4 TWA		.000	I	Y	1		T			X	R	more
5 A		4.000	Y	Y	1		ABC			X	R	more
6 TA		4.000	A	Y	1		TABC			X	R	more
7 TA		4.000		Y	1		TABC			X	R	more
8 TAB		3.000	A	Y	1		TBC			X	R	more
9 TAB		3.000		Y	1		TBC			X	R	more
10 B		3.000	Y	Y	1		BC			X	R	more
11 TB		3.000	A	Y	1		TBC			X	R	more
12 TB		3.000		Y	1		TBC			X	R	more
13 TCRH		3.000		Y	1		TB			X	R	more
14 TBC		2.000	A	Y	1		TC			X	R	more
15 TBC		2.000		Y	1		TC			X	R	more
16 C		2.000	Y	Y	1		C			X	R	more
17 TC		2.000	A	Y	1		TC			X	R	more
18 TC		2.000		Y	1		TC			X	R	more
19 TCD		1.000	A	Y	1		TD			X	R	more
20 TCD		1.000		Y	1		TD			X	R	more
21 D		1.000	Y	Y	1		D			X	R	more
22 TD		1.000	A	Y	1		TD			X	R	more
23 TD		1.000		Y	1		TD			X	R	more

**On the sub-requirement:**

In the sub-requirements where you want to calculate both home and transfer GPA for courses, select the Reference/Other tab, and change the GPA/Preference Control to **< A-Alternate GPA calculation >**.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Requirement: SOCW MAJ 20053". On the left is a tree view of sub-requirements. On the right, the "Reference/Other" tab is selected. The "GPA Calculation" section is highlighted with a red box, showing "GPA / Preference Control" set to "A - Alternate GPA calculation".

**Audit Appearance:**

Transfer courses of PSYC 1110 General Psychology and General Sociology with grades of B and A calculate to 3.50 GPA.

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SOCIAL WORK MAJOR
64 SH (Includes Additional Requirements)
2.50 GPA Required In SOC/SOCW Courses
Grade Of C Or Better Required In SOC/SOCW Courses
NO Social Work Major
EARNED: 6.00 HOURS 3.50 GPA
--> NEEDS: 55.00 HOURS 2.50 GPA

- 1) Psychology Required Courses (6 SH)
  F 04 PSY 210 3.0 TB General Psychology
                                ARCC : PSYC1110

    NEEDS: 3.00 HOURS
    SELECT FROM: PSY 250

+ 2) Sociology Required Course (3 SH)
  F 04 SOC 150 3.0 TA General Sociology
                                ARCC : SOC 1111

- 3) Statistics Required Course (3 SH)
    NEEDS: 3.00 HOURS

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**Note:** The composite grade of < **TWA** > is not considered when calculating Alternate GPA. To calculate the alternate GPA affect of composite grades, see documentation titled "Process Meaningful Weighted Average Grades, Using GPACAL=V to Determine Meaningful Composite Grades," at:  
<http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/WeightedAverageGrades.pdf>

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