

Converting Grade Point Average (GPA) to MEXT's standard Grade Point System

To be eligible for the MEXT scholarship, one needs to demonstrate excellent academic achievement with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.30 (out of 3.0) in his/her recent academic degree and is expected to maintain the equivalent level during the entire scholarship period. If the Grade Point drops below 2.30 (out of 3.0) in any academic year during the scholarship term, it will result into the suspension of scholarship.

For calculating grades in terms of MEXT's standard GPA, two-step approach as detailed below should be followed:

[A] **Step 1:** Convert grades from academic transcript to MEXT Grade Points

Grading System as per one's academic transcript	Grades				
[Example 1]: 4-point Scale	/	Excellent	Good	Fair	Fail
[Example 2]: 4-point Scale	/	A	B	C	Fail
[Example 3]: 4-point Scale	/	≥ 80	79 – 70	69 – 60	≤ 59
[Example 4]: 5-point Scale	S	A	B	C	F
[Example 5]: 5-point Scale	A	B	C	D	F
[Example 6]: 5-point Scale	≥ 90	89 – 80	79 – 70	69 – 60	≤ 59
MEXT Grade Points	3	3	2	1	0
	GP3		GP2	GP1	GP0

[B] **Step 2:** Calculate equivalent GPA in MEXT's standard terms

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{([\text{No. of GP3 credits}] \times 3) + ([\text{No. of GP2 credits}] \times 2) + ([\text{No. of GP1 credits}] \times 1) + ([\text{No. of GP0 credits}] \times 0)}{\text{Total number of credits for all registered courses}}$$

Example calculations

S. No.	Course Title	Grade	Registered Credit	MEXT GP	GP × Credit
1	Advanced Structural Analysis	A	3	3	9
2	Concrete Technology and Design	A	3	3	9
3	Introduction to Solid Mechanics	B	3	2	6
4	Structural Dynamics	A	3	3	9
5	Computer Aided Design	B	3	2	6
Total			15	/	39

$$\text{GPA (MEXT standard)} = \frac{(9 \times 3) + (6 \times 2) + (0 \times 3) + (0 \times 0)}{15} = \frac{39}{15} = \mathbf{2.60}$$

Note: Round off the obtained GPA in Step 2 to two decimal places.