

GRADING AND PASSING SYSTEM

1. The school year of the Technological University of Panama is divided into two regular periods called semesters. Summer intensive courses may be offered during vacation or academic breaks. Each period has a duration of 16 weeks of classes or the equivalent. For graduate studies, the courses may be divided into modules and the subjects taught there are equivalent in duration and number of credits to those available during the regular semester.
2. For the undergraduate and technical courses (Bachelor's and Technical degrees) the class hour lasts 45 minutes, for graduate studies (master's degree) the class hour has durations of 55 minutes.
3. The credit system used by the Technological University of Panama recognizes as the number of credits the number of academic sessions. One (1) credit hour corresponds to One (1) hour of class or seminar per week or a period of two (2) or three (3) hours of weekly laboratory work (testing and demonstration of theoretical concepts), or a period of two (2) to four (4) weekly hours of hands-on workshops or Field Practice (practical applications and development of manual skills and the like)
4. Semester grades are granted on the basis of the average of the points obtained by the student in each course (class or lab work if any, attendance, midterm exams and final exams) according to the following scale:

POINTS	GRADE	MEANING	GPA EQUIVALENCE
91 to 100	A	Outstanding	2.50 to 3.00
81 to 90	B	Good	1.75 to 2.49
71 to 80	C	Adequate	1.00 to 1.74
61 to 70	D	Minimally Acceptable	
Less than 61	F	Failure	

5. The Grade Point Average (GPA) is the general average of grades earned by the student in a particular undergraduate program; likewise the GPA of graduate studies is the average of all the grades earned by the student in a graduate program. To calculate the GPA, a numeric value is assigned to each letter grade: A is equivalent to 3; B to 2; C to 1; D and F to 0. The GPA of undergraduate or graduate studies indicates the academic standing of the student and is used to determine whether the student remains in a particular undergraduate or graduate program. The maximum passing GPA for an undergraduate or graduate or graduate program is 3.00
6. Preparatory courses for university majors do not count towards the GPA (Grade Point Average). The grading of these preparatory courses is as follows:

P	Passing	(61 a 100)
X	Not Passing	(less than 61)

This grade type ("P" or "X") can also be used for field placements or seminar courses, as required in each program of study.
7. For the undergraduate and technical courses (Bachelor's and Technical degrees) the minimum-passing grade is "D" and it is the minimally acceptable grade for a non-core course in the corresponding program. The student that obtains a "D" is entitled to repeat the course for the purpose of improving his/her GPA.
8. The term "Accredited" in a course means that the student has already passed the course with a grade equal to or better than "C", in another School of this university or in another prestigious university.
9. In the case of credited subjects taken in other programs of the Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá, such subjects shall appear with their due obtained grade and they shall affect the student's GPA either favorably or unfavorably.