

## Proposal

### How to calculate Program GPA Calculation for UG graduation requirement

Undergraduate students must meet a minimum university cumulative GPA requirement and a minimum Program GPA requirement to qualify for graduation. The university cumulative GPA is clearly defined (see below); it is calculated using grades from all 100+ level courses taken at UofL. Unfortunately there is currently no standard definition of which courses are included in the Program GPA. In an effort to standardize and simplify, it has been suggested we use the following definition to determine the courses included in the Program GPA calculation:

- Include the grades from all 200+ level courses with the course index of the degree program (e.g. all 200+ level CHEM courses used to calculate the Program GPA for BA in Chemistry students).
- For cases in which a program has fewer than 30 credit hours of 200+ level courses with the program index (e.g. interdisciplinary degrees, general studies degree, individualized studies degree), the Program GPA will be calculated using the grades from all 300+ level courses taken.

Proposed start date: Summer 2025 (August 2025 graduates)

Proposed Implementation: As is the case with new academic procedures, students are 'held harmless' as we transition from one procedure to another. Students who entered UofL before Summer 2025 will have their Program GPA calculated using the new (above) method and in cases where a student's Program GPA is below the unit minimum, we will calculate their Program GPA using the old (pre Summer 2025) method and allow the student to graduate if their old Program GPA is above unit's minimum threshold.

#### University Cumulative GPA

The university's undergraduate cumulative grade point average, or university's undergraduate grade point average (UGPA), is determined by dividing the total number of quality points earned by the total number of semester hours attempted with earned grades. The UGPA takes into account all undergraduate course

work taken at the university, except that courses numbered below the 100 level will not be used in the earned hours or UGPA calculations. Grades and quality points earned at other institutions are also not incorporated into the UGPA.