

We propose that for GPA calculations, starting with all GPA calculations for all undergraduate students in Fall 2011, that + and - grades be computed in the GPA as follows. This would only affect grades assigned for classes from Fall 2011 forward.

	A : 4.0	A-: 3.7
B+: 3.3	B: 3.0	B-: 2.7
C+: 2.3	C: 2.0	C-: 1.7
D+: 1.3	D: 1.0	D-: 0.7
	F: 0.0	

Rationale for the proposal:

- 1) According to data compiled from the undergraduate catalogs of our 24 SCHEV-designated sister institutions, 20 of these institutions allow instructors to assign + and – grades to students and have them count in their GPA.
- 2) Of both our SCHEV sister institutions and other VA state schools, only one other institution (University of Texas-Permian Basin) allows instructors to assign + or – grades to students but does not allow them to count in GPA calculations.
- 3) While there is a vast difference between, for example, cumulative work earning a low B and that earning a high B, there is currently no distinction between those grades in terms of GPA. Similarly, while there is very little difference between high C and low B, there is a relatively enormous difference between these grades with regard to GPA. This new system would more accurately reflect the proximity of these grades.

Below is a list of all SCHEV sister schools. None of the schools that allow + and – in GPA calculations have the grade of A+ in their undergraduate catalog. Schools listed below in italics do NOT allow + and – grades to count in GPA calculations:

<i>Abilene Christian University (TX)</i>	Monmouth University (NJ)	Trinity University (TX)
Berry College (GA)	Pacific Lutheran University (WA)	<i>Truman State University (MO)</i>
Butler University (IN)	Rollins College (FL)	University of Tampa (FL)
California State University-Bakersfield (CA)	<i>Salisbury University (MD)</i>	<i>University of Texas-Permian Basin (TX)</i>
Eastern Connecticut State University (CT)	Seattle Pacific University (WA)	University of Wisconsin-Parkside (WI)
Elon University (NC)	Shippensburg University (PA)	Valparaiso University (IN)
King’s College (PA)	SUNY-College at Geneseo (NY)	Westfield College (MA)
Marist College (NY)	SUNY-College at Plattsburgh (NY)	Winthrop University (SC)

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