

## **University Grade Point Averages Types, Definitions, Use, and Location in Student Records**

***Note:** Georgia College truncates all GPAs to the second decimal. GPAs are never rounded.*

### **Term GPA**

- Only includes grades that were earned at Georgia College for a specific term.
- Used to report student performance for a specific term. Is also used to determine the 3.2 term requirement for Dean's List and 4.0 term requirement for the President's List.
- Is included on the student's official transcript (labeled "TReg").
- Is included on the Tranguide (labeled "Current").
- Is included in Banner INB in the second key block of SHATERM (labeled "Term GPA").
- If term grades are later adjusted as a result of repeated coursework or official grade changes, the term GPA on the Tranguide and in Banner INB will change, but the term GPA on the official transcript will not.

### **Transfer GPA**

- Includes all grades that were earned at other institutions, including courses that were repeated and courses in which the student earned a grade of D or F.
- Used primarily in the admissions process.
- Is not included on the student's official transcript, although transfer grades for individual courses are listed.
- Is included on the Tranguide (labeled "Transfer").
- Is included in Banner INB on SHATERM and ZHATERM (labeled "Transfer GPA").

### **Institutional GPA**

- Only includes grades that were earned at Georgia College. Does not include any grades from transfer credit. For repeated coursework, only the grade from the last attempt is included.
- Used to determine academic standing. Used to determine eligibility for graduation. Also used to determine the 2.5 cumulative requirement for the Dean's List and the President's List. Is also used for some program requirements (*e.g.*, GPA required for admission to a major program).
- Is included on the student's official transcript (labeled "Total Institution").
- Is included on the Tranguide (labeled "Total Institution").
- Is included in Banner INB on SHATERM and ZHATERM (labeled "Institutional GPA").

### **Overall GPA**

- Includes grades for all courses completed at Georgia College and all courses completed at other institutions. For coursework initially taken at Georgia College and repeated at Georgia College, only the grade from the last attempt is included.
- Used in part for calculating graduation honors. Graduation honors are awarded based on overall GPA and Regents Cumulative GPA – whichever is lower.
- Is not included on the student's official transcript.
- Is included on the Tranguide (labeled "Overall").
- Is included in Banner INB on SHATERM and ZHATERM (labeled "Overall GPA").

**Regents Cumulative GPA – The Board of Regents requires this GPA calculation.**

- Includes grades for all courses completed at Georgia College. For repeated coursework, all grades earned at Georgia College are included.
- Used in part for calculating graduation honors. Graduation honors are awarded based on overall GPA and Regents Cumulative GPA – whichever is lower.
- Used for Board of Regents reporting.
- Is included on the student's official transcript (labeled "CReg").
- Is not included on the Tranguide.
- Is included in Banner INB on ZHATERM (labeled "Overall Regents GPA").

**HOPE GPA – The HOPE Office mandates the way this GPA is calculated.**

- Includes all grades earned by a student after high school graduation, including transfer work (regardless of whether the transfer credit was accepted for credit at Georgia College), letter grades earned in courses that do not apply toward the degree (such as wellness courses), and all grades for coursework that was repeated. Does not include grades of S, U, IP, or W, or grades earned by examination.
- Used to determine eligibility for HOPE scholarship.
- Is included on the student's online financial aid award letter (located in the PAWS links, and labeled "Bobcat DEN" – Detailed Eligibility Notification). The HOPE GPA is included in the Comments section of this screen. This information is available only to students; faculty and advisors cannot access this screen.
- The field labeled "Overall HOPE GPA" in Banner INB on ZHATERM **is not correct and should not be used.**
- Students with questions about their HOPE GPA should contact the Financial Aid Office directly.