

**AIKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE
PROCEDURE**

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The purpose for this procedure is to ensure accuracy and consistency when calculating an Aiken Technical College competitive program tie breaker GPA.

A cumulative GPA is determined by dividing the sum of the grade points earned for each course by the total number of credit hours attempted.

To determine cumulative GPA for competitive program tie breaker applications, numerical values are assigned to final grades as follows:

Numeric Values:

A=4

B=3

C=2

D=1

F=0

WF=0

The following grades are not included in the competitive program tie breaker GPA calculation:

W

I

E

U

AU

When a course is taken more than once, only the last grade earned for the course is calculated in the competitive program tie breaker GPA calculation.

Only courses taken within the last 10 years are calculated in the competitive program tie breaker GPA calculation.

Grades awarded for developmental courses will not be calculated in the competitive program tie breaker GPA calculation.

No plus or minus (+/-) will be factored into the numeric values. Therefore, an A+ or an A- will be counted as an A and given 4 quality points.

To determine competitive program tie breaker GPA calculations, use the following steps:

1. Write down the courses taken within the last 10 years and the grade achieved in each course.
2. Multiply the number of credit hours by the points (listed above) for each grade earned to determine the quality points for each class.
3. Total the quality points.
4. Total the credit hours.
5. Divide the quality points by the number of credit hours.
6. If more than one college has been attended, then add all colleges total quality points, total credit hours, and then divide the total quality points by the total number of credit hours.

Example:

Course	Credit Hours	Grade	Quality Points
PSY 201	3	C-(2)	6
ENG 101	3	B(3)	9
BIO 210	4	A+(4)	16
MAT 110	3	D(1)	3
ECO 210	2	F(0)	0
Total	16		34

In this example, the GPA for this student is 2.12 (34 divided by 16)