

Conversion of the Hamilton College Numeric Average to a Four Point Grading Scale

Prior to the Fall 2009 semester, Hamilton used a system of letter grades, each of which carried a numerical value based on a scale of 98%. A Hamilton student's grade point average was based on this scale.

Many colleges use one of several variations of a 4.0 scale. Since Hamilton did not use any of these 4.0 grading systems, the College did not convert a student's grade point average at Hamilton to any of the several 4.0 systems as part of the student's official record at the College.

On occasion, a Hamilton graduate finds it necessary to report his or her average in terms of a four point grading scale. Since an exact mathematical conversion is not possible, the following method for calculation a GPA based on a 4.0 scale is provided.

The American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) and the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS) have their own conversion tables for translating grades from systems such as Hamilton's to a four-point scale. Using the information they have provided about their conversion, graduates can calculate their GPA into a Four Point Grading Scale. Applicants to medical colleges should use the AMCAS conversion: applicants to law schools should use the LSDAS conversion. Others may use either system as a guide. Please be aware that both AMCAS and LSDAS will calculate a Four Point Grade Conversion using their own calculations, the resulting Four Point GPA will most likely NOT be the same as the one provided here (LSDAS and AMCAS will use grades from AP and transfer courses, while Hamilton does not include them in the calculation of a Hamilton GPA).

For each course:

- Convert the letter grade to the numeric equivalent (See table below)
- Convert the numeric grades to the LSDAS or AMCAS scale (See table below)
- Add the 4.0 grades
- Divide by the total number of course units

Hamilton GPA: _____

LSDAS Conversion: _____

AMCAS Conversion: _____

GRADE	HAMILTON	LSDAS	AMCAS
A+	98.00	4.33	4.0
A	95.00	4.00	4.0
A-	92.00	3.67	3.7
B+	88.00	3.33	3.3
B	85.00	3.00	3.0
B-	82.00	2.67	2.7
C+	78.00	2.33	2.3
C	75.00	2.00	2.0
C-	72.00	1.67	1.7
D+	68.00	1.33	1.3
D	65.00	1.00	1.0
D-	62.00	0.67	0.7
F	55.00	0.00	0.0
FF	40.00	0.00	0.0