

2012-2013 ACCEPTED/UNACCEPTED COURSES for GPA CALCULATION

Grade Conversions

Honor	3.750-4.000	A = 4	90-100 = 4	
Scholastic	3.000-3.749	B = 3	80-89 = 3	,
Varsity	0.000-2.999	C = 2	70-79 = 2	
		D = 1	60-69 = 1	
		$\mathbf{F} = 0$	≤ 59 = 0)

Acceptable Courses	Unacceptable Courses
Courses are considered acceptable if they focus more than 50% of the time on understanding ideas, concepts, and theories of a specific discipline.	Courses are considered unacceptable if they are hands-on, performance-based, skills-type, non-book, lab-based, or more than 50% of course time is spent in service learning or internship.
Academic Business Courses	Academic Decathlon Classes
Accounting	Agriculture (applied courses)
Agri-Business	Architectural Drawing
Micro/Macro Economics	Art
Business/Organizational Management	 Graphic Design, Ceramics, Drawing, Multi-Cultural, Painting, Jewelry, Printmaking, Sculpture, etc.
Consumer Economics/Marketing Theory	Astronomy (unless a Science credit is given)
 Introduction to Business/Principles of Business 	Automotive Technology
Business Law	Bookkeeping
Art	Child Development
Art History	Computer Courses
Art Appreciation	Data/Information Processing
Bio-ethics	Keyboarding/Word Processing
Communications	Computer Lab
Speech	Applications/Software Programs
• Debate	Software Courses
Public Speaking	Web Design Programs
Computer Courses	Consumer & Family Science
Programming Languages (HTML, ASP, JAVA, Visual Basic, C++, etc)	Current Events (unless Social Studies credit given)
Computer Literacy	Drafting

Acceptable Courses	Unacceptable Courses
Creative Writing	Drama/Theater/Stagecraft
Criminal Law/Justice	Acting/Performance
Engineering	Stagecraft/Technical Theater
Engineering Design/Problem Solving	Electronics
Engineering Theory	Engineering Graphics
• Robotics	English/Language Arts
English/Language Arts	Applied Journalism (yearbook, school newspaper)
Composition/Writing	Ethics Law (Theology)
Creative Writing	Health Education
Journalism (NOT yearbook, school newspaper)	Horticulture
Foreign Language	Independent Study
Foreign Language Arts	Mechanical Drawing
 French, Spanish, German, Russian, Chinese, Sign Language, Navajo, etc 	Media Studies
Humanities	Morality & Issues
Mathematics	Multi-Media Communications
Music	Music Performance
Music Appreciation	• Band
Music Theory	• Chorus
Music History	Orchestra
Psychology/Sociology	Photography
Science	Physical Education
ALL basic sciences	Religion
Forensic Sciences	Service Learning/Internships
Agri-Science (theory)	Student Government/Leadership
Science, Technology, & Society	Study Skills/Prep Classes
Social Studies/Social Science/History	Technical/Vocational Courses

Please check your course catalog/descriptions to determine applicability of specific classes. If you are still unclear, please contact your USAD State Director for clarification.