## USA

## 2012-2013 ACCEPTED/UNACCEPTED COURSES for GPA CALCULATION

## Grade Conversions

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


| Acceptable Courses | Unacceptable Courses |
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| 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, skillstype, 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, $\mathrm{C+}$ +, etc...) | Current Events (unless Social Studies credit given) |
| - Computer Literacy | Drafting |


| Acceptable Courses | Unacceptable Courses |
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| 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.

