



**REQUEST TO CHANGE CURRENT ACADEMIC POLICY  
OR  
CREATE NEW ACADEMIC POLICY FORM**

<b>Date:</b> 6/29/11		<b>Author:</b> Diane Douglas		<b>Author's Title:</b> Registrar	
<b>New Policy Title:</b> GPA Change from Round to Truncate			<b>Administrators</b>		Jane Birkholz
<b>Old Policy Title:</b> NA			<b>to Review:</b>		Faith Hensrud
<i>The signatures required to draft/change policy are listed below and must be followed in the order presented.</i>					
1	<b>Review and Comment:</b>		<b>Provost's Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>
2	<b>Academic Affairs Endorsement:</b>		<b>Faculty Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>
	<b>Faculty Senate Endorsement:</b>		<b>Faculty Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>
3	<b>FINAL APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD AS OFFICAL UWS POLICY</b>		<b>Chancellor's Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>
4	<b>UW Regent approval required?</b>		<b>UW Policy Number Affected:</b>		

**I. Background and Purpose:**

Currently the term and cumulative GPA rounds to the third decimal point at UW-Superior. The Registrar believes that GPA's should always truncate and never round.

Of the UW Campuses surveyed, 10 responded; of the 10, 3 truncate and 7 round.

**II. Current Policy Language:**

The cumulative grade point average (GPA) is based on the grade point system and is computed by dividing the total number of points earned per credit by the total number of credits attempted. Grades of P, I, Aud, W, NR, and IP are not counted as credits attempted in computing GPA.

The cumulative grade point average for a straight A letter grade in six three-credit courses is computed by dividing the total number of grade points (A = four grade points multiplied by 18 credits = 72 grade points) by the number of attempted credits (18 ), which would give the student a cumulative average of 4.000.

**III. Draft Policy Statement:**

Cumulative and term grade point average (GPA) is based on a grade point system and is computed by dividing the total number of points earned per credit by the total number of credits attempted truncated at the third decimal point. Grades of Aud I, IP, NC, NR, P and W, are not counted as credits attempted in computing GPA.

The grade point average for a student enrolled in 6 courses at 3 credits each with a grade of A in each course is computed by dividing the total number of grade points (A = 4 grade points multiplied by 18 credits = 72 grade points) by the number of attempted credits (18 ), which in this example would equal a GPA of 4.000.

**IV. Policy Procedures:**

Once the change is made in PS, no further procedure is needed.