

Attendance

Regular attendance is expected of all students. Students who are absent from classes for any reason other than official college activities must satisfy the instructor concerned that the absence was due to illness or other clearly unavoidable reasons. Otherwise, the student may suffer grade loss at the discretion of the instructor.

Chipola policy allows each instructor to specify in the course syllabus the attendance policy. It also allows the instructor to decide whether or not an absence is excusable and what effect the absence or tardy may have on the grade.

Limited enrollment programs may have specific attendance policies which must be followed by the individuals enrolled.

If students are to be off campus for official business or for a college activity, they may be excused. The activity advisor will turn in a list of students to the department office where it will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President of Instruction, who will in turn furnish the list to all instructors. Students should still notify instructors before leaving and obtain permission to miss class. If students are failing or if an absence might jeopardize their standing, students should not be absent from class, even on official school business.

Students who flagrantly violate attendance regulations are subject to suspension, or dismissal from a course.

Driver's License Attendance Law

Chipola College students who are non-high school graduates and who have not reached their eighteenth birthday are subject to Florida Statute 322.091. If you need additional information contact the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Maximum Attempts, Grade Forgiveness, and Withdrawals

Maximum Attempts for Full Cost of Instruction

Students are permitted to enroll in the same college preparatory course or college credit course a maximum of three times. Students will be assessed 100% of the full cost of instruction on the third attempt unless the College grants a one-time exception to the student due to extenuating circumstances or financial hardship. Contact the Vice President of Student Affairs for more information. For information online, go to <http://chipola.edu/studentservices/3rd%20attempt%20appeal%20form%20fillable.pdf>

Based on major extenuating circumstances, a fourth attempt may be granted by the Vice President of Student Affairs. Students will be assessed the full cost of instruction on the fourth attempt. There are no appeals to reduce the full cost assessment on the fourth attempt.

The full cost assessment is the equivalent of the non-resident fee for college credit and college preparatory courses.

Students may access the required form at <http://www.chipola.edu/studentservices/3rd%20attempt%20appeal%20form%20fillable.pdf>

Grade Forgiveness

Grade forgiveness applies when students repeat the same college developmental or college credit course in which they earned a "D" or "F" grade. Students may not repeat the same college credit or college course to improve a "C" grade or better. Students may repeat a course for grade forgiveness twice. Upon the third attempt in the same course, the grade earned is a final grade and cannot be

forgiven. If there are three or fewer attempts, only the grade from the last attempt will be used to compute the grade point average. If a fourth attempt is granted, both the third and fourth attempts will be calculated in the student's grade point average. Grades will not be forgiven if a degree has been issued. The number of total attempts allowed per course may be restricted for students enrolled in limited enrollment programs. Institutions to which subsequent transfer is made may not necessarily honor this policy. As a result, student's grade point average may change when they transfer to another institution. Students receiving financial aid should contact the Financial Aid Office prior to repeating any course.

Withdrawal, Audit, and Resignation

Students who drop any course during the Drop/Add period or who will enroll in a course as an audit student are not impacted by this policy.

Students may withdraw from or change to audit status a college preparatory or college credit course anytime prior to the withdrawal deadline published in the college calendar. Students may resign from the college by withdrawing from all coursework anytime prior to the resignation deadline published in the college calendar. Students are responsible for the completion of the formal withdrawal/resignation process. Students who remain enrolled in courses after the deadline will be assigned a final grade for the course by the instructor.

Students are permitted a maximum of two withdrawals in the same course. Upon the third attempt in the same course, a student will not be permitted to withdraw and will be assigned a final grade other than "W" (withdraw).

Classes that begin after the start of the semester or end prior to the completion of the semester will have as their "drop without penalty" date, the class meeting that represents 70 percent of the meeting time of that class. No refund of fees will be given for withdrawals, audits, and resignations.

Grading System

Grades & Quality Points

Grades may be withheld by the college for reasons such as unpaid parking fines and fees, overdue loans and library books, unreturned audiovisual or physical education materials and equipment, incomplete admissions records, disciplinary actions, academic probation, and expulsion. Residents of the College Dorms are responsible for loss, damages, or destruction of College supplied furnishings and equipment. Failure to make restitution to the college for loss, damages, or destruction of College supplied furnishings and equipment will result in the withholding of grades/transcripts.

A student's Grade Point Average (GPA) is derived from the grading system/quality point scale.

Grading System/Quality Point Scale

<i>Numerical Grade</i>	<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Quality Points</i>
90-100	A	4
80-89	B	3
70-79	C	2
60-69	D	1
Below 60	F	0
Incomplete	I	0
Withdrawn or Dropped	W	0
Audit	X	0

How to Compute Grade Point Average (GPA)

The student's GPA is used in determining academic standing, graduation readiness, eligibility for the Dean's List, and in other academically related decisions.

Each letter grade has a quality point value on the Grading System/Quality Point Scale. A student may determine the grade points for his/her grade in each course by multiplying the number of quality points a grade is worth times the number of semester hours the course carries. Thus a "B" (worth 3 quality points) in a 3 semester-hour course earns 9 quality points, and an A (worth 4 quality points) in the same 3 semester-hour course earns 12 quality points.

The cumulative grade point average is determined by dividing the total quality points earned by the total semester hours for GPA (including transfer work). Grade quality points are awarded as follows:

Courses	GPA Hours	Grade	Quality Points
ENC 1101	3	A	12
MAC 1105	3	C	6
SYG 1010	3	F	0
FRE 1120	4	B	12
ART 1300C	3	C	6
SLS 1101	1	B	3

Total hours for GPA - 17 Total Quality Points Earned - 39
17 Hours for GPA divided into
39 Quality Points Earned= 2.29 GPA

Grades of "S", "P", "U", "W", "X" and "XW" do not carry grade quality points. In general, credits for these grades do not count. However, in certain other circumstances, such as determination of repeat enrollments, and in computation of certain specialized GPAs, credits which carry these grades may be included in the GPA computation.

Incomplete Grades

Incomplete grades are determined by the instructor and are then reported to the Admission and Records Office. An "I", Incomplete grade, received at the end of any term becomes an "F" if not completed by the succeeding term.

"F", "I", "W", and "X" Grades

Students should clearly understand the differences between "F", "I", "W", and "X" grades and their effect upon GPA.

A grade of "F" shows that a course has been failed. The semester hours for the course count in the GPA computation, but no quality points are earned; thus, an F grade lowers the GPA.

A grade of "I" shows that a student has not completed the required work in a course for some valid reason (such as serious illness or death in the family), that he/she has discussed this with the instructor, and that the instructor has agreed to allow the student to make up the missed work. However, a grade of "I" will be computed into the student's grade point average as if it were an "F".

Students have until the end of the succeeding semester term to complete the work required to remove an "I" grade.

Both the semester hours and quality points received will be computed into the next semester's GPA after the "I" has been replaced by a grade. If the work is not completed in the succeeding semester or term, the "I" grade will be converted to an "F".

A grade of "W" shows that a student has dropped or withdrawn from a course after the drop/add period. The student receives neither

semester hours nor quality points for courses in which the grade is "W"; and there is no effect upon his/her GPA.

A grade of "X" shows that a course has been taken for no credit. A grade of "X" carries neither semester hours nor quality points, and there is no effect upon the grade point average.

All grade changes must be initiated by the assigned faculty member and submitted to the Senior Vice President of Instruction. All change of grade requests must be submitted by the end of the following semester in which the original grade was earned.

Required GPA

Students must have a 2.0 grade point average in all work attempted in order to earn the Bachelor's, AA, or AS degree. (Students enrolled in the School of Education Bachelor Program must earn a 2.5 GPA.) While a student may earn a cumulative average of 2.0 and have grades of "D", it is well to remember that grades below "C" are seldom transferable to some private or out-of-state colleges and universities.

Students whose GPA falls below 2.0 will be subject to the penalties described in the following "Standards of Academic Progress."

Dean's List

The college uses the Dean's List to recognize academic achievement. To be included on the Dean's List, students must earn a grade point average of 3.25 while taking a minimum load of 12 semester hours (excluding remedial work) during the fall or spring semester; or, earn a GPA of 3.25 while taking a minimum load of six semester hours (excluding remedial work) during a summer term.

Students graduating with honors based on the cumulative grade point average including transfer credit hours will be designated as follows:

Summa Cum Laude	Grade Point Average of 3.90 - 4.00
Magna Cum Laude	Grade Point Average of 3.70 - 3.89
Cum Laude	Grade Point Average of 3.5 - 3.69
Honor Student	Grade Point Average of 3.25 - 3.49

The determination of the honor categories for the commencement ceremony is based on the cumulative grade point average at the end of the student's last term of enrollment prior to the term of the graduation ceremony. Students who have met the criteria for honors prior to their term of graduation will be eligible for the honor codes at the commencement ceremony.

