

The RCB Enrollment Standard: GPA Issues for UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

The College enrollment standard is defined as the minimum GPA a student must have in order to take UPPER LEVEL BUSINESS courses. If a student's GPA is below this standard, the registration system will not allow that student to register for upper level business courses. The enrollment standard is currently 2.3 for all business classes except CIS, which has a minimum GPA of 2.7. NOTE – In Fall 2002 the enrollment standard will change to 2.5 for all business students and 2.9 for CIS students, regardless of catalog edition.

What you can do if you are below the required GPA

- Complete core curriculum requirements
- Take courses in your program that do not have GPA requirements (non- RCB electives, etc.)
- Choose Spch 3210 or Engl 3130 as your communication course
- Petition for a waiver, if you have not already done so

If you are currently below the required GPA, you have several options. Of course, if you have any courses remaining that do not fall under the enrollment standard, you should begin by taking those courses and focus on earning the highest grades possible. If the only courses you have left in your program are upper level business courses, you may submit a petition to receive a ONE TIME waiver to the enrollment standard.

GPA REQUIREMENTS

Currently	Fall 2002
CIS Majors 2.7	CIS Majors 2.9
All Others 2.3	All Others 2.5

How to calculate your GSU GPA

Remember, only your GSU GPA is used to calculate the GPA for the enrollment standard. You will need to know the number of hours you have taken and your current GPA to perform the calculation. Multiply HRS X grade to get your Quality Points (see chart below). Then take the number of hours you are attempting and the QP of the grades you hope to earn. Then simply add and divide. For example: 39 hours at GSU, 2.23 GPA = 86.97QP. If you want to see the effect of 2 A's and 2 B's on your GPA, add 24 QP (6h X 4.0) and 18 (6h X 3.0) to the 86.97 = 128.97. Then divide that new number by the new number of hours 128.97 / 51 = 2.53 new GPA.

Hours	Times	Grade	Equals	Q.P.
3	X	A (4)	=	12
3	X	B (3)	=	9
3	X	C (2)	=	6
3	X	D (1)	=	3
3	X	F/WF (0)	=	0

How to submit a petition

Petition forms are available in the Office of Academic Assistance. Attached to the form is an instruction sheet. READ THIS SHEET. It tells you how, when, and where to submit a petition. Fill out only the top part of the petition and attach a typed letter explaining what you are asking for and why. This letter should rarely be longer than ½ page in length. Petition decisions may take as long as 2-3 weeks during very busy times, so submit your petition well before registration. Generally, the students that are granted a waiver are within 1 A or 2 B's of the standard unless there are extreme extenuating circumstances. The Petition category should simply be 'GPA'. If

you have already received a grade for a class that is not yet on the system (during the Maymester, for example), a written note from your professor stating your final grade will reflect positively on your overall petition, if not negating the need for one altogether.

Other Options (If you are ineligible for a petition request or are denied a waiver)

If you have taken BCom 3950, you may take Engl 3130 or Spch 3210, use it as the communication course, and use BCom3950 as a business elective.

Math 1070 can be used in areas D, G, or K (for most people). Check with your advisor for details. You may wish to consider a dual degree (or double major if ineligible for CIS but eligible for other business courses) so that you may continue your studies. If you feel that you will continue to have problems meeting the GPA requirements, you may need to consider changing majors to one outside the College of Business.

FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What classes fall under the enrollment standard?

A. ALL 3000 and 4000 level classes with prefixes of Acct, AS, BusA, BCom, CIS, DSc, Econ, Fi, HAdm, IB, LglS, Mgt, Mk, RE, and RMI.

Q. I had a 3.0 at my last school. Why do I have the GPA restriction?

A. The GPA is calculated using only those classes taken at GSU. It does not consider the grades of transfer credits.

Q. My GPA will meet the standard, but only after grades have posted. I need to register before grades are posted. What can I do?

A. Submit a petition, unless you have already done so. There are hundreds of students in this predicament every semester, and the only way to fairly handle so many requests is to have each student individually petition.

Q. I'm not even a business major – I just want to take the class as an elective. Do I still need the minimum GPA?

A. Yes. Many of the business classes are in high demand and so all eligible students must have an equal chance of getting in. Further, some students might change majors just to avoid the restriction if it were not universally applied.

Q. What classes can I take?

A. Obviously, any outstanding core curriculum requirements (Areas A-F) would not fall under the restriction. Any non-RCB elective (area K for most people) is also not affected by the standard. If you have not taken your communication course, Engl 3130 and Spch 3210 are unaffected by the standard, although BCom3950 is considered a business class.

PETITIONS:

Students are eligible to petition the Dean of the College for a ONE TIME waiver to the RCB enrollment standard. Generally, the students that are granted a waiver are within 1 A or 2 B's of the standard unless there are extreme extenuating circumstances. REMEMBER THAT PETITIONS ARE STUDENT SPECIFIC, meaning that each petition is evaluated individually and that two students with similar petitions may receive different responses. NO STUDENT IS GUARANTEED APPROVAL, EVEN IF IT IS HIS/HER FIRST PETITION.