

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

The grade point average is computed on the following values for each semester hour of credit: A - 4; B - 3; C - 2; D - 1; and F - 0. Grade Point Averages (GPA) are computed by dividing the total grade points earned by the number of semester hours attempted that are used in the GPA calculation.

Prior to the Fall 2002 semester, all transfer hours with a grade of "D" or above were calculated into the cumulative GPA. Transfer hours that were not required by the degree plan but which counted as electives were also included in the cumulative GPA.

Temple College hours excluding developmental courses were also calculated into the cumulative GPA. (Developmental hours were calculated into the semester grade point average only.)

Beginning with the Fall 2002 semester, Temple College will not include transfer hours in the cumulative GPA calculation. Temple College will accept transfer hours with a grade of "D" or above as transfer credit but the grades will no longer affect the Temple College cumulative grade point average. From Fall 2002 to Summer 2005, developmental hours were not included in the semester GPA calculation. Beginning with the Fall 2005 semester, developmental hours will be included in the semester GPA calculation.

REPEATING OF COURSES

Beginning with the Fall 2005 semester, a student who wishes to repeat a course will only be allowed to repeat a course one time. If a student needs to repeat a college credit course for a second time (third attempt), the student must receive approval from an advisor. An additional fee will be charged for repeating the same course more than twice. If a student repeats a course, the credit hours and grade points earned from the attempt with the highest grade will be considered the grade of record and will be counted toward computation of an overall grade point average. The hours and grade points from the lower grade attempt will not be calculated in the overall grade point average. If the course repeated is identified in the catalog as a course that may be repeated for credit when the topics vary, then the topics must be the same before the course will be treated as repeated for replacement.

However, a student may not remove an earlier punitive grade (F, I) by enrolling in that course again and finishing with a non-punitive grade (W). In this case, the first attempt will continue to be included in the overall grade point average calculation. The semester grade point average will be computed as it normally would be even if a course is repeated. All courses attempted during a given semester will be used in calculating a semester grade point average, even if a course is repeated at a later date.

EXEMPTION

Students will not be exempt from final examinations.

SCHEDULE AND SYLLABUS CHANGES

Temple College reserves the right to modify the class schedule when necessary. Instructors maintain the freedom to modify course syllabi when appropriate.

STUDENT LIFE

The following organizations are officially recognized by Temple College although the particular groups may not currently be active. The degree of activity varies with the interest expressed by the student body during a school year. If you are interested in a group that is not currently active, please see the Director of Student Life and Community Outreach, for more information.

CLUBS**Association of Respiratory Care Students (ARCS)**

This organization is designed to promote interest and awareness in Respiratory Care, to further awareness of technological advancements, and to broaden the scope of study in Respiratory Care. Membership is restricted to those students enrolled in the Temple College Department of Respiratory Care.

Association of Student Surgical Technologists (ASST)

This organization is designed to promote interest in surgical technology and to further members' awareness of technological advancements through workshops, meetings, and visits to medical centers. Membership is restricted to those students enrolled in the Temple College Surgical Technology program.

Associate Degree Nursing Student Organization (ADNSO) and Association of Student Vocational Nurses (ASVN)

The purpose of both organizations is to promote understanding of the nursing fields and related areas and to further the members' awareness in technological advancements through workshops, meetings, and visits to medical centers and nursing seminars. Membership to ADNSO is restricted to students currently enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Membership to ASVN is restricted to students currently enrolled in the Vocational Nursing Program.

African American Students Association (AASA)

This organization sponsors programs and educational activities of Black-American culture to enhance the overall race relations program at Temple College. Membership is open to all Temple College students.

Criminal Justice Club

Organized in 1994 by students enrolled in criminal justice classes, the purposes of the club are to promote better understanding and communication between other TC clubs, local law enforcement agencies and promote comradeship among criminal justice students and area law enforcement professionals.

Delta Epsilon Chi

Delta Epsilon Chi is open to any Temple College student interested in management, marketing and distribution. It lists among its purposes the further development in education of programs in management, marketing, and distribution, as well as the promotion of understanding and appreciation for the responsibilities of citizenship in the free competitive enterprise system.

Temple College Democrats

The purpose of this club is to support and promote ideas of the National Democratic Party, recognizing the humanitarian concern for the equal rights and opportunities of all people as a primary concern of government. This club is open to any student of Temple College.

Students of Latin-American Culture (SOLAC)

The purpose of this organization is to cultivate a better understanding of the Latin-American culture and its relation toward the student and the community, to perform services related to the College and the community, to promote more interest in Spanish, and to encourage Latin-Americans to continue their education. Membership is open to all students officially enrolled at Temple College and those specifically interested in the Latin-American culture.

Student American Dental Hygienists' Association (SADHA)

The purpose of this organization is to cultivate, promote, and sustain the art and science of dental hygiene, to represent and safeguard the common interest of the members of the dental hygiene profession, and to contribute toward the improvement of the oral health of the public. This organization is open only to students who are enrolled in the Dental Hygiene program.

HONOR SOCIETIES**Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)**

This international junior college honorary scholastic society granted Lambda Theta, the local chapter, a charter on November 17, 1960. To be eligible for membership a student must have completed twelve semester hours leading to a degree conferred by the College and rank academically within the upper ten per cent of the student body. Members are selected on the basis of character, citizenship, and scholarship.

Psi Beta

This national honor society in psychology for community colleges is designed to stimulate, encourage, and recognize scholarship and interest in psychology. To be eligible for membership, a student must have completed one course of psychology with a "B" or better and have an overall GPA of 3.0.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS**Baptist Student Ministries (BSM)**

The purpose of this organization is to provide students opportunities of ministry on campus and in the community. This is accomplished through mission projects, Biblical challenges in spiritual growth, fellowship with other students, etc. BSM is a Christian student organization open to all students regardless of their denominational affiliation.

STUDENT AFFAIRS**Student Government Association (SGA)**

Organized as the College Council in 1950, the present Student Government Association has evolved through several constitutional revisions since its inception. Membership is made up of the elected officers. The objectives of the Student Government Association are to assist in the development of the student body and all clubs and organizations, coordinate student activities, seek an understanding of and a solution to student problems, to serve as the coordinating body of the social/service organizations, and to provide student input into the administration of Temple College.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Social Events: Various activities are scheduled on the College Calendar each semester where students and faculty enjoy together the social life of the College.

Musical Organizations: The opportunity to participate in excellent instrumental and choral groups is available to Temple College students through the Music Department. Bands, choirs, and numerous smaller ensembles are organized each year. If interested, contact the Division of Fine Arts, (254) 298-8555.

Theatre-Speech: Students interested in Speech and Theatre activities can participate in the preparation of plays for festivals as well as various types of speeches for contests and festivals. If interested, contact the Division of Fine Arts, (254) 298-8555.

STUDENT HOUSING**University Courtyard Apartments**

On-campus housing is available in a modern apartment-style apartment complex. The units are designed in a four-bedroom floor plan and are fully furnished. Security features include a sprinkler system and panic alarms. The rental cost includes all utilities, high-speed Internet service, cable TV, and local telephone service. For information, call (254) 791-5400.

Temple College Apartments

Affordable, on-campus housing is available for low-income student families through a partnership between the Temple Housing Authority and Temple College. There are 25 one and two bedroom apartments. Residents must meet THA screening requirements. For information contact the Temple Housing Authority, (254) 773-2009.

USE OF FACILITIES, STUDENT CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The administration of Temple College, under the authority granted it by the Board of Trustees, has established the following rules and practices concerning the use of facilities and student conduct and responsibilities. A student seeking recourse under these rules and practices may appeal to the Vice President of Educational Services. Further appeals may be made to the President.

FACILITIES

The facilities at Temple College, including those within the buildings and those on the campus, are for the benefit of students enrolled in the College. These facilities are directly under faculty supervision. From time to time, subject to the approval of the administration, these facilities may be used by those not enrolled, and who have received approval of the administration for said use. The use of the facilities must be in conformity with the rules of the administration, and must not interfere with use of college purposes in any respect.

Use of classrooms and offices by students enrolled shall be under the supervision of those in charge during the hours that they are available. When not available to the students they will be under the direct supervision of the administration, or delegated personnel. Persons not enrolled, or connected with the staff, may be prohibited by the administration at any time, not only to classrooms and offices, but also to the entire campus area. Commercial advertising and/or solicitation is not permitted anywhere on the campus except by those organizations sponsoring programs which have been endorsed by the College.

Persons violating any rules heretofore specified shall be advised, and counseled, regarding these rules.

STUDENT CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Through enrollment at Temple College, students signify that they recognize the authority of the College in governing their actions in relation to the College, and they automatically agree to abide by any regulation concerning students and/or student organizations set up by the College or its representatives. A detailed description of student disciplinary procedures may be found in the Student Handbook. Weapons are prohibited on the TC campus. The possession or use of alcoholic beverages or narcotics on the campus may be cause for disciplinary action. This is also true of a student who comes on the campus while under the influence of either of the two. Any action by one or more individuals, whether students or non-students that interferes with the orderly operation of the College will be the cause of disciplinary action or possible arrest by authorized peace officers. A student may be requested or required to withdraw with or without public charges by the College administration. The College does not wish to provide a policy regarding dress for students, but does feel that it is the responsibility of the student to maintain standards of good taste and good grooming which are in keeping with generally accepted standards. Appropriate campus dress for men and women depends upon the occasion or specific event that the student attends. Modes of dress that are in keeping with current styles and are generally acceptable in the extended college community are deemed to be the most acceptable and appropriate. College representatives will call modes of dress deemed inappropriate to the attention of the offending student.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

All vehicles regularly driven on campus by both students and faculty must bear a current parking permit and must be parked in authorized areas and in the proper manner. It is the responsibility of anyone bringing a vehicle onto the campus to become familiar with the "Traffic Rules & Regulations" found in the *Student Handbook*.

LIBRARY

The H. M. Dawson Library has a collection of over 55,000 books, nearly 400 current periodical subscriptions and thousands of audiovisual items, including videos, compact discs, microfiche and film. The library's online catalog provides access to Temple College's collection as well as access to over 45,000 electronic books in netLibrary.

Temple College belongs to TexShare, a statewide system which allows reciprocal borrowing privileges to current students, faculty and staff at all participating college and university libraries in Texas. Through TexShare Temple College students have access to over 50 content and periodical databases many of which display the full-text of the original journal or book. Materials not owned by Temple College or unavailable through the online databases may be ordered through interlibrary loan for little or no cost.

Facilities of the H. M. Dawson Library include study carrels and tables, small group conference rooms, audiovisual viewing and listening areas and a computer lab where students can do research, access the Internet, type research papers and complete assignments.

The library staff provides reference assistance and instruction in the use of the library and its online resources.