

# UW-Madison's grading scale

GPA is calculated by dividing the number of grade points earned by the number of credits carried, with grade points being awarded as follows:

<b>A</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>AB</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>BC</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>0.0</b>

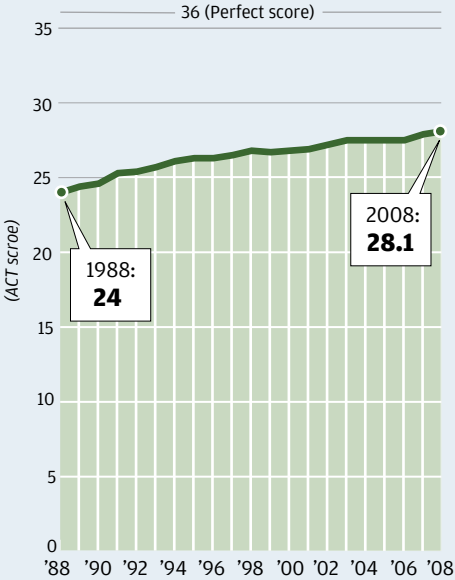
## Average grades

A sampling of average grades, on a 4.0 scale, awarded to undergraduates in departments and schools across the UW-Madison campus in Spring 2009. In each instance, a minimum of 1,000 grades were handed out within the department or school.

Department/School	GPA
Curriculum and Instruction	3.915
School of Nursing	3.816
Theatre and Drama	3.728
Music	3.692
School of Education	3.682
Women's Studies	3.498
Journalism & Mass Communications	3.495
English	3.446
Physical Education Activity Program	3.404
Business' Marketing	3.359
Sociology	3.319
History	3.300
Communication Arts	3.296
Spanish	3.282
Philosophy	3.268
School of Business	3.257
College of Engineering	3.201
College of Letters and Science	3.198
College of Ag & Life Science	3.197
Statistics	3.179
Electrical and Computer Eng.	3.146
Mechanical Engineering	3.127
Geography	3.108
Psychology	3.055
Zoology	3.049
Physics	3.046
Political Science	3.042
Anthropology	3.034
Computer Science	3.010
Geology and Geophysics	2.960
Nutritional Sciences	2.931
Economics	2.928
Chemistry	2.917
Mathematics	2.780
<b>All Courses at UW-Madison</b>	<b>3.247</b>

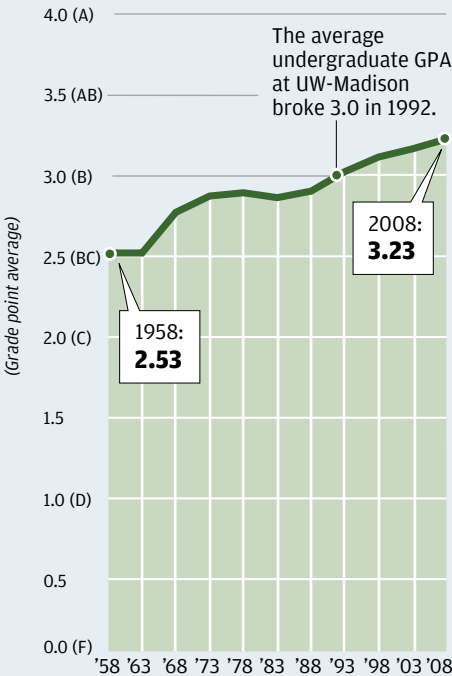
## ACT scores climbing

Some argue that higher undergraduate GPAs at UW-Madison can be explained, at least in part, by the fact that average ACT scores for freshmen are up.



SOURCE: UW-Madison's Data Digest

## Grade-point average up



SOURCE: UW-Madison, Office of the Registrar

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