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### **Georgia Southern Peer Institutions: Grades and Points**

The following ten institutions are Georgia Southern's peer institutions:

- Appalachian State University
- Ball State University
- Bowling Green State University
- East Carolina University
- Illinois State University
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- James Madison University
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Sam Houston State University
- University of North Carolina - Wilmington

Five institutions have an A, B, C, D, and F grading policy, with no plusses or minuses. The five institutions are Bowling Green State University, Illinois State University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, James Madison University, and Sam Houston State University. The remaining five have some variation of a plus/minus grading system as described below:

#### Appalachian State University and East Carolina University

<b><u>Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Points</u></b>
A	4.0
A –	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B –	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C –	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
D –	0.7
F	0.0

Ball State University

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Points</b>
A	4.000
A –	3.667
B+	3.333
B	3.000
B –	2.667
C+	2.333
C	2.000
C –	1.667
D+	1.333
D	1.000
D –	0.667
F	0.000

University of North Carolina - Wilmington

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Points</b>
A	4.00
A –	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B –	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C –	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
D –	0.67
F	0.00

Middle Tennessee State University (does not have an “ A – “grade)

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Points</b>
A	4.00
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B –	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C –	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
D –	0.67
F	0.00

## **Georgia Southern Aspirational Peer Institutions: Grades and Points**

The following twelve institutions are Georgia Southern’s aspirational peer institutions:

- Appalachian State University \*
- Ball State University \*
- California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- College of Charleston
- East Carolina University \*
- James Madison University \*
- Miami University of Ohio
- Middle Tennessee State University \*
- Texas State University – San Marcos
- University of Northern Iowa
- University of West Florida
- Western Washington University

\* denotes the institution is also a “Peer Institution”

The grading policies of the five institutions that are also a peer institution are listed in the prior section. Of the remaining seven institutions, only Texas State University – San Marcos has an A, B, C, D, and F grading system, with no plusses or minuses. The remaining six institutions have some variation of a plus/minus grading system as shown below. Of the twelve aspirational institutions, ten have some variation of the plus/minus grading system.

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, College of Charleston, and Western Washington University

<b><u>Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Points</u></b>
A	4.0
A –	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B –	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C –	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
D –	0.7
F	0.0

University of West Florida (does not have a “D–“ grade)

<b><u>Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Points</u></b>
A	4.0
A –	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B –	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C –	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
F	0.0

University of Northern Iowa

<b><u>Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Points</u></b>
A	4.00
A –	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B –	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C –	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
D –	0.67
F	0.00

Miami University of Ohio (has an “A+” grade, that’s worth 4.0 points)

<b><u>Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Points</u></b>
A+	4.0
A	4.0
A –	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B –	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C –	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
D –	0.7
F	0.0

### **Southern Conference Institutions: Grades and Points**

In addition to the above comparison groups, the institutions that comprise the Southern Conference (athletics) were also examined. There are twelve institutions in the conference, including Georgia Southern, of which five are private and one is public military. The Southern Conference members are:

Appalachian State University \*

The Citadel

College of Charleston \*

Davidson College

Elon University

Furman University

Samford University

University of North Carolina - Greensboro

University of Tennessee - Chattanooga

Western Carolina University

Wofford College

\* denotes the institution is either a “Peer Institution” or an “Aspirational Peer Institution.”

Davidson College, Elon University, Furman University, Samford University, and Wofford College are private institutions. The Citadel is a public military institution.

The two institutions that are either a peer institution or an aspirational peer institution both have a plus/minus grading system, as described in prior sections. Of the remaining nine institutions, four have an A, B, C, D, and F grading system, with no plusses or minuses. The four institutions are The Citadel, Furman University, University of North Carolina – Greensboro, and University of Tennessee – Chattanooga. The remaining five institutions have some variation of the plus/minus grading system as described below.

Elon University

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Points</b>
A	4.0
A –	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B –	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C –	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
D –	0.7
F	0.0

Western Carolina University

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Points</b>
A	4.00
A –	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B –	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C –	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
D –	0.67
F	0.00

Samford University (has an “E” grade, in addition to an “F”, that’s worth 0.0 points)

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Points</b>
A	4.0
A –	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B –	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C –	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
D –	0.7
E	0.0
F	0.0

Davidson College (does not have a “D –“ grade)

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
A	4.0
A –	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B –	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C –	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
F	0.0

Wofford College (does not have a “D+” or “D –“ grade).

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
A	4.0
A –	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B –	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C –	1.7
D	1.0
F	0.0

### Summary

The grading policies of twenty-six institutions were examined. Each institution is either a peer, an aspirational peer, or a member of the Southern Conference, the athletic conference in which Georgia Southern currently competes. Ten of the institutions have an A, B, C, D, and F grading system with no plusses or minuses, while 16 have some variation of the plus/minus grading system.