



GPA Update

New for
Fall '16

The statewide Mass Transfer initiative identified the need for all community colleges to provide a college-level Grade Point Average (GPA) on a student's transcript in order to ensure the full benefits of Mass Transfer. Please see the Mass Transfer policy at <http://www.mass.edu/masstransfer/advisors/policyimplementation.asp>.

In an effort to meet this new state requirement, beginning Fall 2016, Middlesex Community College (MCC) students will be receiving two GPAs based on their credits earned. These GPAs will be referred to as the **Cumulative GPA** (less developmental credit) and the **Cumulative GPA**.

Cumulative GPA (less developmental credit): The Cumulative GPA (less developmental credit) will include only college-level courses and be used for measurement of academic performance on graded college-level courses at MCC.

- The Cumulative GPA (less dev) will assist MCC students by providing an easier transfer of courses through Mass Transfer or assist in their transfer to other colleges and universities.
- The Cumulative GPA (less dev) will be used in determining:
 - Overall graduation GPA requirements
 - Eligibility for graduation Honors
 - Eligibility for Phi Theta Kappa
 - Eligibility for the Dean's List and Merit List
 - Commonwealth Honors
- The Cumulative GPA (less dev) will exclude the grades from developmental credit courses in its calculation beginning in Fall 2016.
- Developmental credit courses are defined as English as a Second Language (ELL) courses, Math (MAT and TMA) courses, and English (ENG) courses with course numbers below 100.

Cumulative GPA: The Cumulative GPA will be used for measurement of academic performance on ALL courses (including developmental credit) taken at MCC.

- The Cumulative GPA includes grades from ALL credit courses taken at MCC.
- The Cumulative GPA will be used in determining:
 - Academic Standing
 - Satisfactory academic progress for financial aid eligibility

Please note that these two GPAs will be notated on every student's MCC transcript and will also be provided through Degree Works.