



Calculating (WAM) Weighted Average Mark

Your Weighted Average Mark (WAM) appears on your academic record.

It is calculated according to the following formula:

$$WAM = \frac{\Sigma(MU)}{\Sigma U}$$

M = mark received in a course

U = units of credit for a course

? = the sum of

Example

For example, a student receives the following results for their courses: 80, 81, 82, 83, 84. The first three of these courses are 6 UOC and the last two are 3 UOC. They would calculate their WAM as:

$$(80 \times 6) + (81 \times 6) + (82 \times 6) + (83 \times 3) + (84 \times 3) / (6 + 6 + 6 + 3 + 3) = 81.625$$

WAM at UNSW

UNSW calculates for all undergrad and postgrad students the Term WAM for relevant results in a semester, and calculates a separate cumulative WAM for relevant results throughout the student's entire program.

Only results with associated marks are included in the WAM calculation, apart from AF, which since Semester 1, 2003, has had an equivalent mark of zero.

Grade-only results not included in calculating WAM are:

SY - Satisfactory

XE - Student undertaking an Exchange program

NA - Not Assessed

RS - Research Satisfactory

AS - Audited Course

NF - Course discontinued without failure

NC - Not Completed

RD - Result Deferred

EC - Enrolment Continuing

AW - Academic Withdrawal

PW - Permitted Withdrawal

Note 1: Where grades have been entered without an associated mark, the following nominal marks are used:

- **PS** grade on its own has a nominal value for WAM calculations of **55**
- **CR** grade on its own has a nominal value for WAM calculations of **70**
- **DN** grade on its own has a nominal value for WAM calculations of **80**
- **HD** grade on its own has a nominal value for WAM calculations of **90**
- **FL** grade on its own has a nominal value for WAM calculations of **25**

Note 2: If you have transfer credit for course(s) completed at another institution, then the marks for these courses will **not** be included in the calculation of your WAM. This reflects the different grading schemes at other institutions.

From Semester 1 2016 onwards, if you are approved for transfer credit for course(s) completed at UNSW in a different program, then the marks you achieved for the specific course(s) **will be** included in the calculation of your WAM for your new Program.

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