

## Examples of SD/UD in DARS Audits

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**Note:** Screenshots are based on data in a test environment and show SD/UD grades for SP19/FA19. In reality, SD/UD grades are only approved for the SP20 term. See the full SD/UD policy [here](#).

DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLE
Example of SD graded course use to meet a <b>GEN ED</b> requirement	<p>▼  <b>University GENERAL EDUCATION: Quantitative Reasoning</b></p> <p>+ 1) Quantitative Reasoning A met by Math Placement score</p> <p>+ 2) Quantitative Reasoning B  <b>FA19 PSYCH 210 3.0 SD Basic Stats for Psychology</b></p>
Example of SD graded course used to meet a <b>School/College or Degree/Major</b> requirement	<p>▼  <b>BIOCHEMISTRY major - CHEMISTRY</b></p> <p>+ 1) General Chemistry  <b>FA18 CHEM 103 4.0 A General Chemistry I</b>  <b>SP19 CHEM 104 5.0 A General Chemistry II</b></p> <p>IP- 2) Organic Chemistry  <b>FA19 CHEM 343312 3.0 SD Intro Organic Chemistry</b>  <b>SP20 CHEM 345 3.0 INP Intmed Organic Chemistry</b>  NEEDS: 1 COURSE  SELECT FROM: CHEM 344</p>
Example of SD graded course counting toward <b>minimum credits needed</b> in a specific requirement	<p>▼  <b>PSYCHOLOGY major - TOTAL CREDITS</b>  <b>** 33 credits in PSYCH</b></p> <p>EARNED: 12.0 CREDITS  IN-PROGRESS 4.0 CREDITS  --&gt; <b>NEEDS: 17.0 CREDITS</b></p> <p><b>FA18 PSYCH 202 3.0 A Introduction to Psychology</b>  <b>SP19 PSYCH 428 3.0 AB Intro to Cultural Psychology</b>  <b>FA19 PSYCH 210 3.0 SD Basic Stats for Psychology</b>  <b>FA19 PSYCH 456 3.0 B Intro-Social Psychology</b>  <b>SP20 PSYCH 225 4.0 INP Research Methods</b></p>
Example of SD graded course counting toward required <b>UW Madison</b> credits	<p>- 5) <i>At least 24 Madison credits required</i>  17.0 credits added  <b>FA19 CHEM 103 4.0 A General Chemistry I</b>  <b>FA19 COMP SCI200 3.0 A Programming I</b>  <b>FA19 ECON 101 4.0 A Principles-Microeconomics</b>  <b>FA19 MATH 222 4.0 SD Calculus&amp;Analytic Geometry 2</b>  <b>FA19 MATH 228 2.0 A WES Calculus Supplement</b>  Select from: *****</p>

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<p>Example of UD graded course <b>not</b> counting toward the degree</p>	<p>▼ <b>Courses That Do Not Count Toward the Degree</b></p> <p>SP17 CIV ENGR649      0.0 F      Composites &amp; Hybrid Structure  SP17 E M A    303      0.0 F      Mechanics of Materials  SP19 E M A    303      0.0 UD     Mechanics of Materials</p>

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# FAQ for SD/UD Grades in DARS

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<p>“<b>GPA Credits</b>” reflect the number of credits for which a student enrolled in a course, but only for those courses whose grades are set up for use in GPA calculations. The <b>only</b> grades currently set up for use in GPA calculations are A – F. Therefore, only courses with a final grade of A – F will contribute “GPA Credits”. (Note: In-progress, planned, and courses without a final grade do <u>not</u> contribute “GPA Credits”)</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="font-size: small;">Grade</th> <th style="font-size: small;">Impact on GPA Credits</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="font-weight: bold;">A-F</td> <td>Yes, will be included in <b>GPA calculation</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="font-weight: bold;">SD</td> <td>No, will not be included in <b>GPA calculation</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="font-weight: bold;">UD</td> <td>No, will not be included in <b>GPA calculation</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Grade	Impact on GPA Credits	A-F	Yes, will be included in <b>GPA calculation</b>	SD	No, will not be included in <b>GPA calculation</b>	UD	No, will not be included in <b>GPA calculation</b>	<p>F with 0.0 Credits and 4.0 GPA Credits is correctly <b>included</b> in GPA  <b>SD</b> with 5.0 Credits and 0.0 GPA credits is correctly <b>not</b> included in GPA</p> <p>▼ <b>X QUALITY of WORK in the DEGREE</b></p> <p>IP+ 1) 2.000 University GPA  <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">12.0 GPA CRED. EARNED</span>    24.5 POINTS    2.042 GPA</p> <table style="font-size: small; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">FA19 CHEM 103</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">0.0</td> <td style="padding: 2px; border: 1px solid red;">F</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">General Chemistry I</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">FA19 COMP SCI200</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">3.0</td> <td style="padding: 2px; border: 1px solid red;">C</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Programming I</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">FA19 LSC 100</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">3.0</td> <td style="padding: 2px; border: 1px solid red;">AB</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Science and Storytelling</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">FA19 MATH 171</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">5.0</td> <td style="padding: 2px; border: 1px solid red;">SD</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Calc with Algebra &amp; Trig I</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">FA19 MUS PERF146</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">1.0</td> <td style="padding: 2px; border: 1px solid red;">A</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Music Lessons for Non Majors</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">FA19 MUSIC 062</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">1.0</td> <td style="padding: 2px; border: 1px solid red;">A</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Univ Symphony Orchestra</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">SP20 MATH 217</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">5.0</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">INP</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Calc with Algebra &amp; Trig II</td> </tr> </table> <p>(CHEM 103 = 4 cr.) + 3 + 3 + 1 + 1 = <b>12 GPA Credits</b>  <i>SD and INP are <b>not</b> included in GPA Credits</i></p>	FA19 CHEM 103	0.0	F	General Chemistry I	FA19 COMP SCI200	3.0	C	Programming I	FA19 LSC 100	3.0	AB	Science and Storytelling	FA19 MATH 171	5.0	SD	Calc with Algebra & Trig I	FA19 MUS PERF146	1.0	A	Music Lessons for Non Majors	FA19 MUSIC 062	1.0	A	Univ Symphony Orchestra	SP20 MATH 217	5.0	INP	Calc with Algebra & Trig II
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## Why don't I always see the calculations/totals for *Credits* or *GPA Credits* on the DARS report?

### ANSWER

This is directly related to the way in which the plan itself has been set up in DARS. Credits and GPA Credits are *calculated* for all courses and requirements. However, the values are only *displayed* where specifically selected by encoding.

### EXAMPLE

**Example showing the listed "Credits" value for the 15 courses listed**  
*42 credits plus 4 credits INP = 46 credits total, including SD graded course*

*IP Resident degree credits*

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 IN-P ---> 4.0 CREDITS

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**Example showing the GPA Cred value for the 15 courses listed**

*INP and SD correctly NOT included in GPA Credit calculation*

*46 minus 3.0 SD minus 4.0 INP = 39*

### ✔ **QUALITY of WORK in the DEGREE**

IP+ 1) 2.000 University GPA

39.0 GPA CRED. EARNED    133.0 POINTS    3.410 GPA

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FA19 PSYCH 526	4.0 A	Criminal Mind:Forensics/Scien
SP20 PSYCH 225	4.0 INP	Research Methods

**If I see a course with SD/UD grade list in a GPA requirement, does that have any effect on the GPA calculation?**

ANSWER	EXAMPLE
<p>No. The existence of a course listed under a requirement/sub requirement does not necessarily mean that course was “used” in the GPA calculation. The reason you may see an SD/UD show up in a GPA requirement is because existing DARS encoding does not always reject such courses from being displayed. This is expected behavior that existed before the SD/UD grades were introduced.</p>	<p>Below is a LISTALL* view showing all calculations for a GPA requirement, including the total credits of all courses listed, and the GPA Credits that exclude the SD course and include 4 GPA credits for the F course.</p> <pre> IP+ 1) 2.000 University GPA ( 18.0 CREDITS TAKEN) 6 COURSES TAKEN 12.0 GPA CRED. EARNED 24.5 POINTS 2.042 GPA FA19 CHEM 103 0.0 F General Chemistry I FA19 COMP SCI200 3.0 C Programming I FA19 LSC 100 3.0 AB Science and Storytelling FA19 MATH 171 5.0 SD Calc with Algebra &amp; Trig I FA19 MUS PERF146 1.0 A Music Lessons for Non Majors FA19 MUSIC 062 1.0 A Univ Symphony Orchestra SP20 MATH 217 5.0 INP Calc with Algebra &amp; Trig II NEEDS: 2.000 GPA                     </pre> <p><i>*Note: Authorized DARS users can run an audit in LISTALL view to see these calculations for each requirement</i></p>

**If an SD has a '>D' Course Symbol on it, according to the Legend it 'retains GPA effect'. What does that mean?**

ANSWER	EXAMPLE
<p>This is operating in a standard way, and assigned when a duplicate (repeated, non-repeatable) course is taken more than once.</p> <p>The Legend description for Course Symbol '&gt;D' does <b>not</b> mean the course will always be included in the GPA calculation; it only means it retains whatever was the original GPA effect of that course. Because SD contributes no GPA Credits, it is essentially “retaining the effect of no effect.”</p>	<p><b>Legend</b></p> <p><b>** COURSE SYMBOLS **</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;D = duplicate course - retains GPA effect</li> <li>&gt;R = repeatable course</li> <li>&gt;S = credit split between requirements</li> <li>&gt;X = repeated course - no course credit or GPA effect</li> <li>(R) = required course</li> <li>(X) = original course value</li> </ul>

**Why does a duplicate course with the grade of 'UD' not get the '>D' symbol?**

ANSWER
<p>This is expected behavior and aligns with prior practice related to the ways in which grades are processed in both SIS and DARS. Courses with grades of IN, N, NW, PI, U, UD, and W should never receive the '&gt;D' Course Symbol.</p>