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**Your 5 Steps
to U.S. Study**



Grade Point Average (GPA)

Understanding GPA

As you know, Australian high schools don't calculate your grades in a GPA format.

Don't let this faze you though—U.S. colleges generally know how to interpret Australian results and they will not ask you to translate your grades to a GPA when you provide them your academic transcripts for Years 9,10, 11 and 12.

However, if you are trying to be recruited as a student-athlete and you have not provided the U.S. college with a standardized test result which they can use to gauge your academic ability then they may ask for a GPA in regards to being able to evaluate your high school results.

Thus, if you have not yet sat (or will not take) a standardized test, your options include self calculating your GPA to provide this as a guide. One GPA calculator can be found at:

<http://www.foreigncredits.com/>

For student-athletes aspiring to attend a Division I or II college, you should also refer to the Australian section of the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for GPA information applicable to your state/territory. Note: You can find the most up-to-date version of the NCAA *Guide to International Academic Standards* from the [International Student Athletes landing page](#).

