

Displaying the GPA decimals – truncate or round

Summary	
Truncate	15
Round	14
Both or none	2
Total	29
Institution Details	
University College of the Fraser Valley	We calculate our GPAs to several decimal places, but report only two. In doing so we truncate the number, so that 3.459678 is displayed as 3.45 not 3.46.
Georgian College	we truncate and display one place after the decimal.
Concordia University College of Alberta	We truncate to 4 decimal places for calculations, then round to 2 decimals for reporting.
University of Prince Edward Island	UPEI does not calculate the GPA.
Briercrest College	We round (3.459678 becomes 3.46).
University of Victoria	At UVic we truncate our GPAs- we do not round.
University of Toronto	U of T rounds up anything five or higher. That GPA would be 3.46 here.
Douglas College	our practice is to truncate the GPA to 2 digits.
Athabasca University	we truncate for our GPA calculations.
Université de Moncton	We use to round in our in-house system. When we bought Banner at the time the only possibility was to truncate so we adapted our regulations (now Banner offers both options).
Laurentian University	rounds up.
Langara College	truncate. It caused some grief when we changed over from the old system where we rounded. At the time we changed it was not possible in Banner to round, but apparently, now it is. But, I am staying with truncate.
Acadia University	We round to two decimal places.
Dalhousie University	In most cases we will round up, so a 3.459678 is 3.5 For scholarship competitions however, where a GPA of 3.7 is required, we will take it to the 3rd decimal before rounding. A 3.688 would qualify for funding but a 3.684 would not.

University of New Brunswick	For undergrad we calculate to the 2nd decimal and report only 1 decimal with rounding. Our faculty of law is a bit different.
Athabaska University	At AU we truncate our GPA in the same manner as you. 3.45 not 3.46
Capilano College	we round our GPAs so that 3.459678 becomes 3.46.
Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science & Technology	We round to nearest whole number.
McGill University	we also truncate the GPA.
Redeemer University College	We round to two decimal places.
University of Western Ontario	we truncate for scholarships but round for progression.
Prairie Bible College	You should love this one. Our computer system truncates the semester totals but rounds the cumulative. Thus, if a student took just one semester here, his gpa may show as 2.36 for the semester and 2.37 for the cumulative total. One more reason we're looking for a new system...
Thompson Rivers University	Normally Registrar's Offices truncate and do not round up.
Mount Allison	we used to calculate GPA's to two decimal points and would have rounded to 3.46. A few years ago, our Senate made a decision to take it a step further and calculate GPA's to one decimal place and so your example would now be rounded to 3.5.
The King's University College	We round to two digits, but will in the case of a tie extend that to three.
University of Ottawa	3.56 is rounded to 3.6 3.52 is truncated to 3.5
Columbia College	We "round".
Vancouver Community College	We are truncating at VCC using Banner.
Ryerson University	we are going through a system change from in-house to PeopleSoft. Previously, the computer program was set to round. Presently, it is set to truncate.
University of Regina	we truncate. However, for scholarships or other purposes where ranking is a factor, we calculate to 9 decimal places.

University of Alberta	The U of A rounds using standard rounding rules. However, we only calculate to one decimal place. eg. 3.5
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On Mon, 30 Jan 2006 11:19:34 -0800 Bill Cooke <Bill.Cooke@UCFV.CA> wrote:

Hi,

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What do you do?

Truncate (3.459678 becomes 3.45)

or

Round (3.459678 becomes 3.46)

Thanks,

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