



Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee

PROPOSAL TITLE: Revision of the Grade Replacement Policy

SPONSOR*:

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COLLEGE CONTACT:

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The following course repeat policy has existed for a number of years and will continue to exist. It allows repeating courses without grade replacement.

§ 3-309 Repeated Undergraduate Courses

- a. A student who repeats a subject for which the student has previously received credit (either by class work at the University, or by advanced standing previously allowed for work done elsewhere) does not forfeit the original credit in the event the student should fail the course on the second attempt. Where a course has been repeated, both the original and subsequent grades are included in the average if the course is acceptable toward graduation, but the credit is counted only once. (See § 3-103 on computation of grades.)
- b. If the course is repeated yet again, all grades received, passed or failed, are counted in the graduation average, except as indicated in § 3-802 on minimum scholarship requirements for graduation.

* Proposal developed in collaboration with representatives of the Provost Office, Registrar, A&A Deans Committee, Senate Conference on Conduct Governance and Senate Educational Policy Committee.

On December 8, 2008, the Senate approved a new Grade Replacement policy (EP.09.12) allowing students to repeat a course under certain conditions and replace the original grade. Following are changes proposed to that policy. Additions to the previously approved policy are underlined while strikeout text indicates deletion of text from the policy approved by the Senate in December of 2008.

§ 3-310 Grade Replacement Policy:

1. Undergraduate students may repeat courses for grade replacement according to the following set criteria. If these conditions are not met, the general policy governing repeated courses (§3-309) applies.

- (a) Students may repeat for grade replacement up to a total of 4 distinct courses, not to exceed a maximum of 10 semester hours, taken at the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign.

- ~~(b) Courses taken for grade replacement must be eligible for repeat, as indicated by the absence of any repeat restrictions in the university Class Schedule list.~~

- (b) A course in which an academic integrity violation, under §1-403 of the Code has been officially reported may not be repeated for grade replacement.

- (c) A course may be repeated for grade replacement only once.

- (d) Courses may be repeated for grade replacement only in those cases in which students received grades of C-, D+, D, D-, or F on the first attempt.

- ~~(e) If a course was taken for credit on the first attempt, it must be taken for the same credit when repeated for a replacement grade.~~

- (e) Variable credit courses must be taken for the same number of credit hours when repeated for grade replacement. Special topics courses must be taken for the same topic when repeated for grade replacement.

- (f) A student who has been awarded a degree from the University of Illinois may not subsequently repeat a course from that degree program for the purposes of grade replacement.

2. When a student repeats a course for grade replacement, the transcript is affected as follows:

- (a) Both course enrollments and corresponding grades appear on the official transcript.

- (b) The first course enrollment on the student's transcript will be permanently identified as a course that has been repeated for grade replacement.

- (c) Where a course has been repeated for grade replacement, the course credit earned will be counted only once toward degree and program requirements. In

the event that the student should fail the course on the second attempt, the student does not forfeit the original credit [§3-309 (a)].

(d) When a course has been repeated for grade replacement, only the grade received in the second enrollment for the course will count in the student's grade point average. In the event that the student should fail the course on the second attempt, while having earned a passing grade in the first attempt, the general policy governing course repeats applies: all grades received, passed, or failed will be counted in the graduation average (§3-309, b) except as indicated in (§3-802) on minimum scholarship requirements for graduation.

3. Students must register their intent to use the course repeat for grade replacement option by filing a form for this purpose at their college office during the first half of the term (e.g., the first eight weeks of the semester, the first four weeks of the summer session, or the first four weeks of an eight-week course) in which the course is taken.

JUSTIFICATION:

At the request of then Chancellor Herman, the Educational Policy Committee has reviewed the changes suggested by the Council on Conduct Governance as the policy was codified. Educational Policy has endorsed and revised the policy to include an explicit statement regarding academic integrity violations. However, the committee has rejected the inclusion of a time limit in which the student must repeat the course.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

It is expected that no additional resources will be required to implement the proposed revisions beyond those anticipated in the original proposal.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Applies to all undergraduate students who repeat an approved course during Fall 2010 semester and beyond.

STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:

Not applicable. The Senate Conference on Conduct Governance (CG) will develop an appropriate language for including the approved policy in the Student Code.

CLEARANCES:

Signatures:

Provost Office:

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Senate Educational Policy Committee:

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