

# GRADE REPLACEMENT

## GPA Replacement Policy

The University of Denver allows degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students to repeat most courses in order to meet the minimum grade requirement for a required course, subject to limits imposed by individual schools and colleges. When a student repeats a course, grades from all attempts appear on the student transcript, and all grades are used in computing cumulative and major grade point averages, total credits, and academic standing. This policy adds the option of GPA replacement to the option of repeating a course.

## Additional Details:

In order to invoke GPA replacement policy for a course, a student must have received an eligible grade in a prior attempt of the course. Grades of **C-, D+, D, D- or F** are eligible for repeat/replace for **undergraduate** students, and grades of **B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D- or F** are eligible for repeat/replace for **graduate** students. Once a student invokes the GPA replacement policy for a course, that decision is irrevocable.

When GPA replacement is invoked, the grade from the latest attempt of a course replaces the grade from the most recent prior attempt of the same course in the cumulative GPA.

Grades from all attempts of a course appear on a student's transcript, with those attempts that have been replaced appropriately indicated. The replaced grade is excluded from cumulative grade point average and credit totals in the official academic record; the grade from the latest attempt is included, even if the grade earned in the latest attempt is lower than the replaced grade.

Students should consider whether this is the best way to improve their GPA. Most students will find that when they repeat a course, there is only a small impact on their overall GPA. Another way to increase GPA is to take additional courses and do well in them. Finally, if a student is repeating a course to increase their GPA for their graduate or professional school applications, it is useful to know that these schools may calculate a student's GPA differently.

A student may wish or need to strengthen their knowledge of a particular topic in order to prepare for future classes. This can be a good reason for repeating a course. Undergraduate majors and minors require students to achieve a minimum grade of "C-" in order to count toward graduation requirements. In some programs, Graduate students are required in to receive a B- or better in their coursework.

**A course will not necessarily be easier the second time around. If a student chooses to repeat a course, they should maximize their chances for success by utilizing available resources and practicing good study habits.**

## Eligibility:

- This policy may be invoked only by currently enrolled, degree-seeking University of Denver undergraduate or graduate students. Sturm College of Law students may not invoke this policy and are subject to the academic and grading policies of the Law School.
- Students who have graduated are not eligible for GPA replacement for courses taken prior to earning their degree.
- The policy applies only to undergraduate or graduate courses taken and repeated at DU. Classes ineligible for grade replacement are FSEM, special topics courses and courses designated in the catalog as repeatable for credit (e.g. independent study/research, internship, field experience, thesis/dissertation hours, directed research/study, performance).
- **Undergraduate** students may request grade replacement for up to **4 classes**.
- **Graduate** students may request grade replacement for up to **2 classes**.
- If a student receives a low grade in a class due to academic dishonesty, that grade is not eligible for GPA replacement via this policy.
- Once a student invokes the GPA replacement policy for a course, that decision is irrevocable.
- Courses taken for GPA replacement must be taken for a letter grade.
- Students may request grade repeat/replace only if the particular course is offered again. There is no guarantee that all courses are offered on a schedule that would permit repeat for every student.
- No retroactive adjustments or transactions for prior terms will be performed as a result of repeating a course, including changes to academic standing, or eligibility for honors, athletics, or financial aid.
- Some academic units may limit the number of times a student can enroll in a given course. Such limits must be observed when invoking this policy.
- Grades of incomplete are not eligible for repeat with GPA replacement.
- Requests to invoke the GPA replacement policy must be completed by the **last date for course withdrawal**.
- A request to invoke the policy will be approved as long as the exact same course (subject code, course number) is selected, and the student has enough grade repetition credits left to cover the course. Once the grade repeat/replace credits are fully used, then there will be further no GPA replacement and all subsequent grades will be calculated into the cumulative GPA.
- If a student invokes the grade repeat/replacement policy but drops or withdraws from the course before the end of the term, this attempt does not count against the number of credits a student is allowed to repeat, and the grade from the most recent prior attempt stands.

- All occurrences of the course along with associated grades will remain on the student's academic record as well as on the official transcript. Only the replacement grade will be calculated into the cumulative GPA.
- Tuition is charged for all course attempts. There may be federal financial aid implications for the number of times a specific course is repeated. Students are responsible for checking with the Office of Financial Aid regarding course repeats and aid eligibility.