Treatment of repeated coursework: Undergraduate students

Financial aid legislation sets a limit to the number of times an undergraduate may repeat a course to fulfill degree requirements* and receive financial aid for that course.

- You may receive federal and state financial aid for a repeat of a previously-taken undergraduate course provided you did not earn credit for the course (that is, if you received a grade of W, WA, F, FX). There is no limit on the number of times the course may be repeated if no credit was earned.
- However, if you take a course again for which you have previously earned academic credit (that is, a grade of “D” or better), you may receive a financial payment for the repeated course only one time.
- Federal regulations specify that you may not receive aid more than once for repeating a course previously passed, even if you are required to retake the course to fulfill degree requirements. For example, if you receive a “D” grade in a course and you are required by your college or department to repeat the course to achieve a grade greater than “D”, you may receive a financial aid payment for only one repeat of the course.

In practice, this means:

- You may receive aid when repeating a course that was previously failed, regardless of the number of times the course is repeated.
- You may receive aid to repeat a previously-passed course only one additional time.
- Once you have completed any course twice with a passing grade, you are no longer eligible to receive aid if you take the course again.
- The repeat rule applies whether or not you received aid for earlier enrollments in the course.

* Note: If it has been determined that you have completed your degree requirements and you wish to repeat a course, your financial options are limited: please contact the Office of Financial aid for further assistance.

Treatment of repeated coursework: Graduate students

If you have not yet completed the requirements for your graduate degree, you may receive federal financial aid for a repeated course if the repeated course is in compliance with the policy of your graduate program. However, if it has been determined that you have completed your graduate degree requirements and you wish to repeat a course, your financial options are limited: please contact the Office of Financial aid for further assistance.