Treatment of Repeated Coursework for
Financial Aid Disbursement

Treatment of repeated coursework for federal and state financial aid programs*:

Financial aid regulations set a limit to the number of times a student may repeat a course to fulfill degree requirements** and receive federal or state financial aid for that course.

- You may receive federal and state financial aid for a repeat of a previously-taken 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, all courses are factored into attempted hours.

- If you take a course again, for which you have previously earned academic credit (that is, an earned grade of “D minus” 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 minus” grade in a course and you are required by your college or department to repeat the course to achieve a grade greater than “D minus”, 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; however, all courses are factored into attempted hours.

- You may receive aid to repeat a previously-passed course only one additional time.

- The repeat rule applies whether or not you received aid for earlier enrollments in the course.

Notes:

*Institutional financial aid is awarded by the terms for each specific institutional award program. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at DePaul Central with any questions about the applicability of institutional financial aid to repeated coursework.

**If it has been determined that you have completed your degree requirements and you wish to repeat a course, your financial options are limited. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at DePaul Central for further assistance.