

Repeating Courses and the F-Grade Policy

Effective Fall 2014, when an undergraduate student receives the earned academic grade of F or an administrative failing grade (WU, WF, FIN), and that student subsequently retakes that course and receives a grade of C or better, the initial grade of F will no longer be computed into the grade point average. This adjustment to the GPA will occur automatically at the end of the semester when the student has retaken the course and received a grade of A, B, C, or CR. The F will remain on the transcript. This policy change does not impact a student's ability to repeat a course. It simply requires that the prior course grade (unless it is a failing grade) be computed into the overall grade-point average.

*****Please note that the repeatable policy ONLY applies to courses that are NOT repeatable for credit. Courses that ARE repeatable for credit do not apply towards the grade replacement policy, which means that every time you repeat the course, you will receive both the grade and the credit. To determine whether a course is repeatable for credit or not, you may want to contact the academic department.**

Frequently Asked Questions

What is total number of credits that I can apply towards the Grade Replacement Policy?

The number of failing credits that can be deleted from the grade-point average shall be limited to 16 for the duration of the student's undergraduate enrollment in institutions of the University.

Note: University policy dictates that no more than 16 undergraduate credits, taken at any CUNY institution, are eligible for grade replacement.

Can a failing grade be partially replaced?

A failing grade may not be partially replaced; for example, if a student has replaced 14 credits of failing grades and subsequently receives a grade of C or better in another 3 credit course which was previously failed, the failing grade cannot be replaced.

What if I earned an F grade multiple times for the same course?

If a student has received more than one failing grade for the same course and subsequently earns a grade of C or better the course, the failing grades will be deleted from the calculation of the cumulative GPA, subject to the 16 – credit limit; ·

What if I earned a grade of “D” for one of my classes?

Students may repeat a course in which a D was received. The credit for that course will be applied toward the degree once, but both the grade of D and the second grade earned are calculated in the grade point average. If the course is part of a sequence, it should be repeated before continuing the sequence.

If you earn a D grade or higher in your course, do not request that your professor give you an F instead of the other grade. It is not an advantage because the F remains on your transcript and you also lose the credits toward your degree. For example, a D grade fulfills the College General Education requirement but an F does not. If you earn a D in a series of courses that require minimum grades of C, you can still repeat the course and the new grade and the D are averaged together in your GPA, but the credits are only counted once.

What if the course title or number changes for a course I am repeating?

If the course number or title of a course was changed in the period between the receipt of the failing grade and the repetition of the course, but the content remained the same, the failing grade will be replaced if a grade of C or better was received in the repeated courses.

Do repeating courses affect my Financial Aid?

Yes. Please consult with the Financial Aid office to determine how course repeats will affect your aid.

Can I repeat a course at another CUNY or non-CUNY institution?

For a grade of C or better to replace a grade of F in the calculation of the cumulative GPA, the failing grade cannot have been received at another college. The repetition of the course must take place at Queens College; it may not be taken on permit to another institution; ·

How does the INC and FIN grade apply under the Grade Replacement Policy?

Courses with the temporary grade of INC cannot be resolved under this policy. If students repeat courses in which they have a temporary grade, the grade will be converted to FIN and will remain on the student's record. However, if a temporary grade converts to FIN, it may be deleted from the cumulative GPA under the Grade-Replacement Policy.

Does the Grade Replacement Policy apply for all courses?

No, courses that are repeatable for credit are not eligible for the grade replacement policy. Only courses that are not repeatable for credits are eligible towards the grade replacement policy.

If I failed a course in a previous CUNY school and repeat it in Queens College will the CUNY F grade policy still take effect?

No, the failing grade must have been earned at Queens College.

What is the grade replacement policy for graduate students?

As of September 1, 1996, graduate students are entitled to the following grade-replacement policy, which is limited to graduate courses: With the exception of courses that have been designated as repeatable for credit, graduate students may repeat only four credits for grade replacement within any one graduate program. The last grade received replaces the previous grade in the cumulative GPA. No more than four credits may be repeated within any one graduate program.