

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE  
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Statement of Faculty Senate Action

**APC Document 96:**

**Change to the Repeat Course Policy**

**Effective Date: Fall 2014**

**1. Delete:** On page 45, the entry for Replacement of C-, D, F, and U Grades:

**Replacement of C-, D, F and U Grades**

If a student repeats a course for which he or she has earned a grade of C or better, the new hours and quality points will not be used in the calculation of the grade-point average nor will the new hours count toward graduation requirements. If a student repeats either a failed course or a course in which he or she has received a C-, D or U grade, only the new quality points and semester hours of credit will be used in the calculation of the grade-point average. However, if the second grade is an F, no credit is earned and both grades will be used in the calculation of the grade-point average. Courses taken at other institutions cannot be used to replace a grade earned in a UNC Asheville course.

A student may take advantage of this forgiveness policy for a maximum of 15 semester hours of credit. However, the student's permanent record will be a complete record of all courses attempted and the grades received for these courses. When taking a course to replace a grade, students must comply with procedures established by the Office of the Registrar by filing a Repeat Course Form. This policy applies to course credits earned at UNC Asheville beginning with the 1982-83 Fall semester.

**Add:** On page 45, in place of deleted entry:

**Repeating Courses and Replacing Grades**

Students may repeat a course in which they earned a grade that is less than C (F, D+, D, C- or U). The grades from all course attempts will be used in the calculation of the student's grade point average, and the total attempted hours will increase with each repeat. However, students will earn hours for only one of the successful attempts.

Students have the option to replace the grades in a maximum of two of the repeated courses (up to 8 hours) and use the new grades in the calculation of the grade-point average. The grades for the initial attempts will remain on the student's permanent record and appear on the student's transcript, but will not calculate into the grade-point average. The credit hours from all attempts will count in the student's attempted hours.

Repeating courses may negatively affect the student's ability to satisfy the Financial Aid and Good Academic Standing Completion Ratio standards. Students wishing to repeat a course and/or replace the grade must submit the appropriate form in OneStop Academic Services.

**Impact:** Beginning in Fall 2014, all students will be limited to a maximum of two grade replacements. Approving this policy change now will allow us to provide a one-year warning to all students. Students who plan to repeat and replace grades in either Fall 2013 or Spring 2014, will still be able to utilize the current policy of 15 hours of repeats. In Fall 2014, students who have already replaced two or more grades, will not be able to replace any additional grades; however, they may repeat courses in which the grade was C- or below, and both grades will be used in the calculation of their GPA.

**Rationale:** Too often students decide to stop active enrollment in a class because they feel they can “replace the grade.” While it is true that some students have difficulty during their initial enrollment, i.e. overestimating their course load, or managing their study time effectively, they should not continue to have difficulty passing their classes. Like the Withdrawals, the Grade Replacement is often selected as an “easy” solution. UNC Asheville admits students who are capable of succeeding and we need policies that support that expectation. Decreasing the number of repeats from 15 hours to two (2) courses acknowledges that students may encounter some difficulties, but does not allow it to become a pattern of escape.