

## Student Rules and Regulations Committee

Proposal to Revise Rules

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(Additions to rules are bolded and underlined, deletions to rules are indicated by strikethrough)

### EXISTING RULE:

10.20 When a course is repeated by an undergraduate student in an attempt to earn a grade higher than C, D, F, or U, only the highest grade may be used toward degree requirements. However, the grades for all courses taken in residence at Texas A&M University will remain on the student's permanent record. A student's cumulative GPR will include all graded courses except courses excluded under the First Year Grade Exclusion Policy. An undergraduate student may attempt a course no more than three times, including courses graded Q or W but excluding these graded NG, unless approval has been received from both the student's Dean and the department offering the course.

### RULE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:

10.20 When a course is repeated by an undergraduate student in an attempt to earn a grade higher than C, D, F, or U, only the highest grade ~~may~~ **will** be used ~~toward~~ for the degree ~~requirements~~ **audit**. However, the grades for all courses taken in residence at Texas A&M University will remain on the student's permanent record. A student's cumulative GPR will include all graded courses except courses excluded under the First Year Grade Exclusion Policy. An undergraduate student may attempt a course no more than three times, including courses graded Q or W but excluding those graded NG, unless approval has been received from both the student's Dean and the department offering the course.

### JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

While it appears to some that this reflects a drastic change in our rules, the cumulative GPR will be calculated the same in Compass as in SIMS. It is for the purpose of the degree audit that the highest grade in the major and minor will be used. This is not that much different than how our current degree audit system deals with the "C or better" requirements currently in place for most majors and minors.

### COMMENTS:

- Submitted on behalf of the AOC Deans.
- Discussed in Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Meeting on April 21, 2008. This committee moved to adopt the new system of calculating grade points that Banner uses for Major, Minor, and Area of Concentrations. The motion passed unanimously. The following is discussion that preceded the vote. Concern and discussion that Banner is being allowed to drive and set our academic policies. It is hoped that perhaps as a major client of Banner, TAMU may be able to influence how Banner does things in the future. There was substantial concern by the Science and Mathematics classes about letting a student simply "replace" the failing grade with the higher grade. Those concerns were relieved when it was explained that :
  - All grades, including the failing grade and retake grade, will remain on the student's transcript
  - Only the higher grade will be used to calculate the Major/Minor/Area of Concentration GPR
  - This change will not affect how a student's overall GPR is calculated. It will only affect how the Major and Minor (or Area of Concentration) GPR's are calculated. The original failing grade will still be used when calculating the student's overall GPR
- Passed by Student Rules and Regulations on January 16, 2009.
- If passed it will take effect fall 2009.
- **Approved by Faculty Senate on 3/16/2009.**
- **Approved by President Murano on 4/7/2009. Will go into effect Fall 2009.**

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