Name of Policy:  Repeating a course and calculating GPA

Policy Number:  3364-71-07

Approving Officer:  President

Responsible Agent:  Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Scope:  Undergraduate students

☐ New policy proposal  ☒ Minor/technical revision of existing policy
☐ Major revision of existing policy  ☐ Reaffirmation of existing policy

Effective date:  February 7, 2020

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(A)  Policy statement

The university recognizes a course may need to be repeated. Students may retake a course. Students who retake a course and earn a higher grade may petition to have the first grade excluded from their grade point average computation. All grades, including those for repeated courses, will be included in the determination of eligibility for honors, fellowships, or other distinctions accruing on the basis of GPA. A copy of the approved petition will become part of the student’s permanent record file.

Credit for any repeated course will apply only once toward degree requirements. Grades for all attempts at the course will appear on the student’s official academic transcript regardless of whether or not the grade has been excluded from the GPA. It is the student's responsibility to petition to have the grade excluded from the GPA. Otherwise, the grade will be included in the calculation of the GPA.

A student may petition to have a grade excluded from GPA computation under the following conditions:

(a)  The repeated course must be completed prior to the granting of the first bachelor’s degree, and the grade deletion petition must be submitted no later than one semester after graduation.

(b)  Before petitioning, a student must have retaken the same course (or the renumbered substitute for that course) in the same department at the university and earned a higher grade in the course retaken.

(c)  No more than a total of 18 semester hours of course work may be removed from the GPA calculation. A college may adopt a more stringent requirement for entrance into a particular program within that college.

(d)  This policy applies only to the first recorded grade in a course that a student has repeated.

(e)  Subject to the limitations described above, applications will be approved unless the instructor attests that the original grade was given for academic dishonesty.
(1) Prior to fall semester 2006, student must have earned a C-" or lower in the original course and a "C" (2.0) or higher in the repeated course.

(2) This policy will apply to all students admitted fall 1997 or later.

(3) It does not apply to graduate and post-baccalaureate professional studies.

(B) Purpose of policy

This policy outlines when a student can repeat a course and the conditions governing the recalculation of the cumulative grade point average.

(C) Scope

This policy applies to all undergraduate students. Each college may publish detailed implementation strategies specific to that college.

(D) Procedure

The petition for the recalculation of GPA (grade deletion) is available from the registrar's office. The petition must have all authorizing signatures prior to its submission. If the petition is approved, the registrar's office will amend the student's official transcript with a notation.

Approved by:

/s/
Sharon L. Gaber, Ph.D.
President

February 7, 2020
Date

Review/Revision Completed by:

Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs; Faculty Senate, SLT

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None

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