

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE REPEAT POLICY
(Effective Fall 2009)

GENERAL: The privilege of repeating coursework allows students the opportunity to retake courses in which they initially encountered difficulties. A course can be repeated only once. Students may not take the same course for credit and grade replacement more than once unless the course is identified in the Undergraduate Catalog as “Repeatable”. If a course is identified in the Catalog as repeatable, the limitations on the number of times or maximum number of credits that may be applied to the major/minor, degree or graduation credits will be indicated.

UW-Whitewater does not guarantee the right to repeat any course. Courses may be deactivated, discontinued or offered on a different schedule.

REPEATING COURSES FOR GRADE AND CREDIT REPLACEMENT: A course in which a grade of C- or below (C-, D+, D, D-, F, or NC) was originally earned may be repeated once for grade and earned credit replacement. The grade and credits earned for the repeated course will replace those earned in the initial attempt when calculating grade point average and credits toward degree. For example, if a student repeats a course in which a grade of D was earned and receives a B in the repeat, only the B and the credits earned in the repeat will be included in the GPA and credits to degree; if the student receives an F, only the F will be included in the GPA and the student loses the credits for the course. If the student earns an F and does not receive credit for the course on the first repeat, that F and any other grades earned in subsequent attempts in the course will be included in the GPA calculation. Students may not repeat for credit or grade replacement any course in which they earned a grade of C or higher, or S (see REPEAT FOR NO CREDIT explanation below).

The following conditions apply to repeats for grade and earned credit replacement:

1. Unless the repeat courses are offered as S/NC only, all repeats must be taken for conventional grades, not satisfactory/no credit. If a student is repeating a course in which a grade of NC was earned, the repeat must be on a conventional grade basis.
2. Courses taken initially at UW-Whitewater may be repeated only at UW-Whitewater; they may not be taken at another institution to replace the UW-Whitewater grade and credit.
3. Students may repeat a C- grade or below that was earned at a transfer institution if the course has a direct UW-Whitewater equivalent and the course was attempted only once prior to transfer to UW-Whitewater. Students who repeat a transfer course will receive UW-Whitewater course credits regardless of the number of credits the course carried at the transfer institution; for example, a student repeating a 4-credit transfer course with a 3-credit UW-Whitewater course will receive only the 3 UW-Whitewater credits. All other repeat regulations apply.
4. A student may not repeat a course if the student has received credit for a higher level course in the same department for which the course to be repeated is a prerequisite or corequisite; for example, a student who has received credit for English 102 may not repeat English 101.
5. In courses in which there has been a change in the number of credits awarded, a repeat for grade replacement will replace the credits and grade from the first attempt with the credits and grade from the repeat. For example, in a course that had been changed from 5 credits to 4 credits, a 5-credit D would be replaced by a 4-credit B.
6. If a student officially drops or withdraws from a repeat course, the original enrollment attempt's grade and earned credits will be reinstated or remain in the student's term and cumulative calculations.

All attempts of repeated courses, including the grades, remain on academic records and transcripts even though they may not be included in the GPA calculation or earned credits. Students should be aware that graduate schools and other institutions to which they might wish to transfer may not accept repeats and may include all grades in calculating GPA for admission.

If you have previously earned your degree from UW-Whitewater, your attempted and earned credits as well as your cumulative GPA will start over with the courses you take in pursuit of your second degree. Courses taken as part of your first degree will not be considered repeats. Your original record cannot be altered.

Students who wish to enroll in the same course in the same term, even if the sessions are different, should speak with their academic advisor to verify that appropriate repeat processes are being applied.

Student athletes, veterans and international students should check with the appropriate UW-W school officials before repeating courses as it may affect their eligibility or financial benefits.

APPEAL FOR THIRD ATTEMPT OF A COURSE: See “Enrollment in Third (or more) Attempt of a Course” form.

REPEAT FOR NO CREDIT: Under certain circumstances, students may need to repeat courses in which a C grade or above was earned. For example, a student may need to repeat a course if a grade of B is required for the student to proceed to a higher level course or to remain in a major. In such cases, repeat grades will be considered only as qualifying students to continue, and the repeats will not be counted for grade replacement or earned credit. All enrollment attempts will be recorded on academic records and transcripts, with the non-credit attempts identified as No Credit.