

Recommendation for Change in Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation at UMKC

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Current UMKC GPA calculation policy for repeated grades:

Repeated Courses

When students repeat courses, the hours and grades for the first attempt remain in their GPA calculations. After graduation, if a student repeats a course that was part of a degree earned at UMKC, it will not affect the GPA as of the date of graduation. The appropriate school or College section of the catalog should be consulted on the specific rules for course repeats.

Proposed change in UMKC GPA calculation policy for repeated grades:

Repeated Courses

*When students repeat courses, the hours and grades for the final attempt are used for their GPA calculations. Restrictions for repeat courses are listed below. After graduation, if a student repeats a course that was part of a degree earned at UMKC, it will **(CHANGE A:)** not impact Latin honors or any other award, honor or distinction that may be associated with graduation. The appropriate school or College section of the catalog should be consulted on the specific rules for course repeats.*

(Vote #1:) *This policy will be implemented in Fall, 2008, but can be used for courses taken before that date.*

THE COURSE REPEAT POLICY WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY BE APPLIED TO A STUDENT'S GPA. After completing the second attempt of a course, a student must submit a REQUEST FOR GPA ADJUSTMENT FORM to the **(Change B)** Registrar.

Students can only replace grades for GPA calculation if they receive a grade less than 'C-' in their original attempt.

Students can only replace grades if the original and the repeated course are taken at UMKC. :)

Repeated courses may not be taken on a CR/NC basis.

Grades cannot be replaced with a 'W', 'WF', 'I', or 'T,'

(Vote #2) An "N" will replace the original grade.

No more than 15 semester hours can be dropped from the calculation of a student's GPA by repeating course work.

After a student has expended 15 semester hours for GPA recalculation, for additional repeated courses the original and subsequent repeats will be included in GPA calculations.

Example: if a student takes a 3 hour course three times, the second attempt may

replace the original grade, and counts for 3 hours against the allowed 15 repeat hours. The third attempt may replace the grade of the second attempt, and counts for an additional 3 hours against the allowed 15 repeat hours.

The GPA recalculation policy is applicable only to undergraduate students. The transcript will have an explanation that the GPA is calculated using all grades earned in a course except the initial attempt when a course has been repeated.

The repeat grade policy would go into affect for classes taken in the fall semester immediately following the implementation of this policy.

The recalculation of a student's GPA is reflected only in the calculation of that student's GPA and will not retroactively affect calculations for deans list, graduation and honors, eligibility for financial aid and veterans benefits and scholarships, athletic eligibility, discounts for insurance, or any other area.

Rationale and justification for recommendation

UMKC is the only UM school that keeps all course attempt grades in the GPA calculation. Modification of the UMKC policy would keep GPA calculation consistent across UM campuses in regard to repeat courses.

Current policy adversely affects retention efforts – students on probation who have demonstrated they can overcome previous failure are in very difficult positions of improving overall GPA.

The current policy is punitive for students who have demonstrated resolve to correct past failures.

#2: Recommendation for Implementation of Course Repeat Restriction at UMKC

Repetition of a course more than once requires approval by the college or school in which the student is enrolled at the time the course is repeated.