

1 **A Resolution to Eliminate the Catalog Rule on Repeating Prerequisites**
2 **Education Policy and Student Affairs Committee**
3 **First Reading**
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6 Whereas, the Undergraduate Catalog states, "As a rule, a course
7 designed as a prerequisite may not be retaken to affect the GPA after
8 completion of higher-level coursework in the same subject area" (See
9 "Retaking a Course" under "Academic Policies and Procedures); and

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11 Whereas, prerequisites are in place for a variety of reasons, not all of
12 which are based on pedagogical sequences; and

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14 Whereas, the phrase "As a rule" can be perceived as ambiguous
15 because it could be interpreted as an absolute rule, or as an
16 unspecified principle that could be broken in specific (unnamed)
17 circumstances; and

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19 Whereas, the current policy is not enforced through web-registration,
20 and as a consequence, is not applied consistently; and

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22 Whereas, the university should promote rather than discourage
23 students' lifelong (re)learning and efforts to improve their academic
24 credentials; and

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26 Whereas, if the catalog policy were eliminate schools and departments
27 could still enforce this rule thought the use of pre-requisites (e.g., "not
28 if DEPT101"); and

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30 Whereas, as a principle, Students' earned grades should not be
31 arbitrarily removed from calculation of their Grade Point Average;
32 therefore

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34 Be it resolved that the statement preventing retaken prerequisites
35 from counting toward students' GPA should be eliminated;

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37 Be it further resolved that this catalog change will only be effective for
38 students who enter under or opt to follow catalogs in which this
39 change is included.