

Resolution to Clarify Course Retake Language in the Graduate Catalog
Educational Policy & Student Affairs Committee
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First Reading

Whereas all graded OHIO graduate courses contribute to the student’s cumulative OHIO graduate GPA; and

Whereas the current catalog policy is meant to prevent graduate students from retaking classes primarily for the purpose of raising their cumulative GPAs; and

Whereas the current catalog language communicates that policy imprecisely and incorrectly implies that retaken classes do not raise the cumulative GPA; and

Whereas the grade required to meet program requirements is always above a C- but may be higher in some programs;

Be it resolved that the Academic Policies and Procedures section of the Graduate Catalog be amended as shown below:

[with changes marked]

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Individual graduate programs, schools, departments, or academic colleges may establish standards more rigorous than those in this section. For example, programs may set minimum grade expectations for courses, or programs may consider academic progress based on work done as part of the active program exclusive of previous graduate work.

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Students may not retake a graduate-level course if the prior attempt has met degree requirements. Retaking a graduate-level course will not remove or replace a grade from a previous attempt. A regular graduate-level course with fixed content cannot be retaken to affect the student's GPA. All course attempts and grades appear on the permanent academic record (transcript) and are calculated in the graduate GPA.

[clean version of revised text]

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