

**RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE THE CATALOG RULE
ON RETAKING PREREQUISITES**

Educational Policy and Student Affairs Committee

May 11, 2009

Passed

Whereas, the Undergraduate Catalog states, “As a rule, a course designed as a prerequisite may not be retaken to affect the GPA after completion of higher-level coursework in the same subject area” (See “Retaking a Course” under “Academic Policies and Procedures); and

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

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

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

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

Whereas, if the catalog policy were eliminated schools and departments could still enforce this rule through the use of prerequisites (e.g., “not if DEPT101” or “No Credit if DEPT101”); and

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

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

Be it further resolved that this catalog change will only be effective for students entering Ohio University Fall 2009 and after.