

FINANCIAL AID POLICY REGARDING REPEAT COURSEWORK

Effective July 1, 2011, per federal regulations (34 CFR Section 668.2), repeated coursework that falls under the following conditions cannot be included in a student's enrollment status for Title IV Federal Aid eligibility (state and institutional funding is not included):

- Repeating a previously passed course two times or more. A course, including transferred course work, is considered passed if the student receives a grade of D or better.
- Repeating a previously passed course for the sole purpose of gaining eligibility for Title IV aid.

Federal Title IV aid will be recalculated based on the student's adjusted enrollment status.

This recalculation will be applied regardless of whether a student received aid for previous course enrollments.

Some courses are repeatable per university policy and are not restricted by these regulations. Students will be notified if they are receiving Title IV aid and enrolled in non-repeatable coursework for a term.

Definition of Terms:

Enrollment Status: The level of enrollment (full-time, 3/4 –time or half-time student, etc.) as determined by credit hours a student registers for during any given term.

Title IV Federal Financial Aid: Federal Financial aid to include Federal Pell Grant, FSEO Grant, TEACH Grant, Federal Work Study Program and Federal Direct Stafford Loans

Passed Course: A course, including a transferred course, for which a student receives a grade of D or better.

Example 1:

A student is repeating a previously passed three credit hour course for the second time. The student is enrolled in a total of twelve credit hours for the term. Per federal regulations, the repeated course must be excluded from the student's Title IV enrollment status. Only nine of the student's twelve hours can be used to calculate his Title IV aid eligibility. The student's Federal Pell Grant will be reduced to reflect three quarter time instead of full-time enrollment.

Example 2:

A student repeats a previously passed course. The student receives an F on the second attempt. The student attempts the course for the third time. The third course attempt will not be counted in total enrollment hours for Title IV aid purposes. Therefore, the student will not receive aid for the class on the 3rd attempt.

Example 3:

A student repeats a previously passed course. The student withdraws from the course on the second attempt. The student attempts the course for the third time. The third course attempt will not be counted in total enrollment hours for Title IV aid purposes. Therefore, the student will not receive aid for that class on the 3rd attempt.

Regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in the new regulations: a repeated course (along with the original attempt) must be counted towards maximum time frame & completion rate. In other

words, if a student does NOT receive additional credit, the repetition may count toward total credits attempted in a semester, but NOT toward the total number completed. A student may fall into SAP troubles if he/she repeats a significant number of classes for which credit has already been received .

If you have any questions, please contact this office at (915)747-5204 or you may read the actual regulation at: Federal Register Part 668.2: <http://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2010/10/29/2010-26531/program-integrity-issues#h-40>