Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate
Resolution to Revise the University Policy on Repeated Courses

Passed unanimously by Student Affairs Committee on 2/6/20

The members of the UVM Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee (SAC) recommend revisions to the University Policy on Repeated Courses.

WHEREAS we heard from students, faculty, staff and administrators who advocated for a review of the current policy;

WHEREAS the current policy fails to reflect that once a course has been repeated student knowledge, ability, and/or proficiency in the subject is not fully recognized by an average of the original and repeated course grades;

WHEREAS an inaccurate reflection of student knowledge, ability, and/or proficiency may prohibit student’s ability to graduate, progress in programs, pursue graduate education, and/or obtain employment;

WHEREAS students often fail to perform at their best due to illness, bereavement, family and financial concerns and deserve opportunities to better their academic standing;

WHEREAS students enrolled at UVM experience inequity in preparation for college level coursework and deserve opportunities to better their academic standing;

WHEREAS the faculty on SAC, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, the Student Government Association, the Director for Student Financial Services, and the Registrar were involved/consulted as part of the revision process;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:
1. The Policy on Repeated Courses be revised as presented, and
2. The grade of “R” be added to the list of available grades, and
3. That the grade of “R” be applied by the Registrar or their representative to courses that have been repeated.
Revised Policy for Repeated Courses
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Strike Through = original language that is changed
Italics = new language

Students who repeat a course only receive credit once for the course. The grades for all occurrences of the course remain on the permanent academic record and all are included in computing the cumulative grade-point average. Any transfer credit for repeated course work will be removed from the transfer credit record. Only the course(s) completed at UVM will be calculated into the GPA.

A student may repeat a course at the University of Vermont, but will only receive credit once for that course. After a course is repeated, the student’s transcript will be revised to replace the previous grade for that course with an “R.” The GPA calculation will only include the grade for the repeated course, regardless of whether the repeated course grade is higher or lower than the initial course grade. A course may be repeated more than one time only at the discretion of the dean of the student’s college/school, after consideration of any impact on the student’s financial aid and/or progress to graduation.

Only course(s) completed at UVM will be considered in the calculation of GPA. Any credit for previously transferred course work that is repeated at UVM will be removed from the transfer credit record.

Only courses repeated after [date of implementation of this policy] will be addressed according to the policy above.

In order to make this policy work, we also approve of a new grade of “R” for designation of repeated courses for transcripts and so that the system will not use a particular repeated course grade for GPA calculations. So, that policy language should read as follows:

The grade of "R" will serve the following function: After a course is repeated, the student’s transcript will be revised to replace the previous grade for that course with an “R.” The repeated course grade will be recorded in the semester in which it was repeated.

The grade of "R" will be added to the transcript key under "Other Grades (not included in computing grade point average)” with the following explanation: "Repeated course.”

http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/academicinfo/repeatedcourses/