

## **Repeat Classes and Financial Aid Eligibility Policy**

New federal financial aid regulations limit the number of times a student may repeat a course and receive federal financial aid for that course.

### **If a student receives a “W” or an “F” in a course:**

- A student is allowed to repeat the same course and receive federal financial aid (in addition to assuming the office’s [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) is met) until a “D-“ grade or better is earned for the class.
- Once the student has achieved a “D-“ grade or better, a student can repeat the same course a second time and still receive federal financial aid

### **If a student elects to take a repeat class within the same course a third time:**

- Once a “D-“ grade or better has been earned, the class cannot be factored into federal financial aid enrollment eligibility
- This rule applies whether or not a student received federal financial aid in earlier enrollments of the course

### **Once a repeated class can no longer be counted within a student’s enrollment for federal financial aid purposes:**

- It is irrelevant for financial aid purposes if a student is required to retake a class to meet major/program GPA requirements
- It is irrelevant if a student has a personal desire to receive an improved grade
- This rule may seem unfriendly to the academic career of student. The rule is federal law. There is no appeal process and the rule cannot be overridden by GSU.

Examples: Taking A Repeat Class Could Reduce Your Financial Aid Enrollment For Federal Financial Aid Eligibility

Course Examples	1 <sup>st</sup> Class Attempt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Attempt	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Attempt	Would 3 <sup>rd</sup> Attempted Class Be Eligible For Federal Fin Aid Enrollment Consideration?
Math 100	F	D	Enrolled	Yes
Psychology 200	D	C	Enrolled	No
Finance 100	D	F	Enrolled	No
English 200	C	Enrolled	*	No
Accounting 100	W	F	Enrolled	Yes
Nutrition 200	F	F	Enrolled	Yes
Economics 100	D	W	*	No
Graduate Thesis/Dissertation	X	X	Enrolled	Yes

Source: Federal Register, Volume 75, Number 209, Page 66,868, Part 668, Student Assistance General Provisions Retaking Coursework 668.2, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2010-10-29/pdf/2010-26531.pdf>

### **Repeating Specific COMS courses**

In an effort to prevent students from being placed on financial aid suspension for exceeding the maximum time-frame of their academic program, we have implemented a new policy. Beginning in the fall 2015 semester, students will only be allowed to use financial aid to pay for up to three COMS 4050 **and/or** COMS 5050 courses **per academic program**, as that is generally the maximum amount of COMS courses that would be applicable towards their degree completion. Should a student choose to take more than three of these courses, they may do so without the assistance from financial aid. If there are any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 708-534-4480 or [faid@govst.edu](mailto:faid@govst.edu)