

## Clarification Senate Rule on Duplicate Credit

**Background:** When SR 5.3.1.2 was codified, it was inserted into the SR in a way that it looks like it only deals with undergraduate programs.

Snippet from Senate Rules:

### 5.1.9 GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

**A.** GPA is the ratio of the number of quality points gained to the number of credit hours (whether earned or not) in courses for which the grades of A, B, C, D, or E were conferred, excluding grades in developmental or remedial courses. [US: 3/9/98; US 4/10/00; US: 9/10/01]

**B.** If a student repeats a course in which a grade of “B” or better has been received, any subsequent grades of “B” or better and credit hours earned for those courses (if any) shall be ignored in computing the student’s grade point average, unless the repeat option has been exercised according to Rule 5.3.1.1. A student does not repeat a course within the meaning of this rule if he or she only repeats the same course number where there are multiple topics, subtitles, independent study, or other courses allowed by the student’s program using a common course number. [US: 4/13/98]

\* SR 5.3.1.2 overrides SR 5.1.9.B to the extent that any contradiction may exist between them. [SREC: 10/25/12]

**C.** Credit hours are considered as earned only if a grade of A, B, C, D, P or S was conferred.

### 5.3.0 REPEAT OPTION, SCHOLASTIC PROBATION, SUSPENSION AND REINSTATEMENT

#### 5.3.1 STUDENTS IN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

**5.3.1.1 Repeat Option** [US: 11/14/83; US: 4/13/87; US: 11/14/88; US: 4/23/90;

**5.3.1.2 Prohibition of Duplicate Credit** [US: 10/8/07]

A student may earn credit hours and associated quality points for a course only once unless the course is designated as repeatable. A student who nonetheless has enrolled more than once for the same nonrepeatable course will be awarded credit hours and associated quality points only for the first time the course is completed during the student’s academic career, regardless of the source (e.g. transfer, A.P., etc.) unless the student properly exercises the Repeat Option under SR 5.3.1.1.

**Recommendation from the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), through the Senate Council: that the Senate replace the text of SR 5.1.9.B with a reference to SR 5.3.1.2: and move the position of SR 5.3.1.2 to the location that would be numbered as SR 5.3.0.1, with a heading denoting both undergraduate and graduate programs, so that the effect will be that the text of SR 5.3.0.1 will then come to expressly apply to both undergraduate and graduate programs.**