

## MSU Repeated Coursework Policy

The Department of Education published regulations<sup>1</sup> which impact students who repeat courses. These regulations may impact your financial aid eligibility and awards, including Pell Grant, SEOG Grant, Direct Loans and Federal Work-Study.

These regulations prevent the Financial Aid Office from paying for a course that has been passed and repeated more than one time. For a repeated course to be counted towards your enrollment status for financial aid purposes, you may only repeat a previously passed course once (a total of two attempts). If you enroll in a previously repeated and passed course for a third time, this course will not count towards your enrollment for financial aid purposes. Examples of repeated courses:

1. Allowable: Repeated courses may be included if the student received an unsatisfactory or failing grade. There is no limit on the number of attempts allowable if the student does not receive a passing grade. Grades of A, B, C, D, P, or S are considered passing grades.
2. Allowable: Student is enrolled in 15 credit hours which includes 3 credits repeating a previously passed course. Because the student is enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits which are not repeats, the student's financial aid eligibility is not impacted by the repeat. Note: If a student is receiving only federal student loans and is only enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits that are NOT repeats, the student's financial aid eligibility will usually not be impacted by the repeat.
3. Not allowable: Student receives a D in a course and decides to repeat the course to improve his/her GPA. The student may repeat this passed course one time, but if the student wants to repeat it a second time, the second repeat would not count for financial aid eligibility. For example, a student enrolls in 12 credits, 3 of those credits are a second time repeat. As a result, only 9 credits will count for financial aid eligibility.

### Details of the regulations

- Repeated enrollment that is not aid eligible will be excluded from the student's enrollment status for the term.
- Federal Title IV financial 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 college policy and are not restricted by these regulations. See course descriptions for details.
- All repeated courses do affect financial aid satisfactory academic progress calculations. A repeated course along with the original attempt must be counted as attempted credits.

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<sup>1</sup> [34 CFR 668.2\(b\)](#)