

Repeated Coursework

The Department of Education recently passed a new regulation which affects students who repeat courses. These new regulations may impact your financial aid eligibility and awards, including the PELL Grant, SEOG Grant, Direct Loans, and Federal Work Study awards. These regulations prohibit the Financial Aid Office from paying for a course that has been passed more than one time and may also affect your Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress.

- Courses previously passed may be repeated and counted toward federal financial aid eligibility. This however can only occur once. Students who receive a 'D' in a course and decide to repeat the course in order to improve their GPA may repeat the course ONE time. If a previously passed course is repeated a third time, the course cannot be counted toward full time eligibility. Grants, loans, and scholarships can be affected if a student is not at full time status.
- Repeating coursework may be included in full-time eligibility, if the student received an unsatisfactory or failing grade. Students may repeat a failed course until it is passed. All repeated coursework affect Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress calculations. This is regardless of whether the student received financial aid or not, all repeated coursework must be counted as attempted credits.

Examples:

Term	Course	Result	Eligibility
Fall 2020	MATH 095	Pass	Eligible
Spring 2021	MATH 095	Fail	Eligible
Fall 2021	MATH 095	Not graded	Not Eligible

The Fall 2021 course does not count toward eligibility because student repeated the previously passed course in Fall 2020. Student can only repeat a previously passed course one time when counting it for eligibility.

Term	Course	Result	Eligibility
Fall 2020	PSYC 100	Pass	Eligible
Spring 2021	PSYC 100	Withdrawal	Eligible
Fall 2021	PSYC 100	Not graded	Not Eligible

A student repeats a previously passed course, and then withdraws for the course on the second attempt, which was counted for eligibility. If the student attempts the course for the third time, this attempt would not be counted toward eligibility.

Term	Course	Result	Eligibility
Fall 2020	BIOL 181	Fail	Eligible
Spring 2021	BIOL 181	Pass	Eligible
Summer 2021	BIOL 181	Pass	Eligible
Fall 2021	BIOL 181	Not Graded	Not Eligible

Fall 2021 course does not count toward eligibility because student repeated previously passed course in Summer 2021. Student can only repeat a previously passed course one time with it counting toward eligibility.

Term	Course	Result	Eligibility
Fall 2020	COMP 107	Fail	Eligible
Spring 2021	COMP 107	Fail	Eligible
Summer 2021	COMP 107	Fail	Eligible
Fall 2021	COMP 107	Not graded	Eligible

A student can repeat a course an infinite number of times if all previous attempts were failures, as long as those failures are graded courses or withdrawals. At the time the student finally passes the course, they are only allowed to repeat the course one time within the definition of full time enrollment status and eligibility. This student could potentially have other Satisfactory Progress issues such as completing the % of credits attempted which would potentially make them ineligible to receive aid.