

DRAFT PROPOSAL:

- 1) To require students to repeat the three courses allowed prior to excluding the grades from the calculation of the GPA. The change would apply to courses in which the students earned a grade of D or F (including FA) during Fall 2009 and after.
- 2) Students would be granted until October 1, 2009 to request exclusion of grades taken prior to Fall 2009 under the old provisions of the policy.
- 3) If approved, the following changes in wording would be made to the *Auburn University Bulletin*.

Policies on Directed Studies, Repeated Courses, Course Withdrawals, Resignation and Appeals, and Grade Adjustment (p. 12)

Grade Adjustment. All regularly admitted undergraduate students, who were enrolled during Fall 2000 or after, may delete a maximum of three (3) course grades of D or F (including FA or U) associated with their undergraduate degree program from the computation of their cumulative grade-point average. **Effective Fall 2009, students must repeat courses taken during Fall 2009 and after before the grades of D or F (including FA) are excluded from the calculation of their cumulative grade-point average. For the grade to be excluded from the institutional grade point average, the course must be repeated at Auburn University. Exceptions to the repeat provision for courses that are no longer required for the student's major are subject to the approval of the academic dean and may be requested at the time of the graduation check (generally ninety hours).**

Deletion of grades from the computation of the cumulative grade-point average is not available to professional students in audiology, pharmacy and veterinary medicine. Grades and credit considered as transfer credit, courses earned in a previously awarded baccalaureate degree, or grades that have been assigned as a result of academic misconduct are excluded from this policy.

This policy does not offer exemption from academic requirements for Auburn University degrees; adjustment only applies to grades in individual courses. **All core and major requirements must be met for graduation. Students should be aware that D or F/FA/U grades in required courses may be deleted from the computation of the cumulative grade-point average prior to a repeat, but the required course must be repeated at Auburn University before graduation.** Where a specific course is required for the core or a major, that course must be repeated to replace the deleted grade. Courses covered by this policy and needed to meet core area requirements or elective courses within a major may, subject to the approval of the academic dean, be replaced by any course accepted for that requirement, where applicable.

All courses for which a grade is awarded at Auburn University will remain on the transcript. Courses for which a grade has been deleted from the cumulative grade-point average will have the grade recorded and a notation on the transcript that the grade has been excluded from the earned hours and the cumulative grade-point average. Students may submit a written request for grade deletion to their academic dean's office at any time prior to graduation. **All regularly admitted undergraduates, who were enrolled between fall 2000 and summer 2009, must submit a written request for deletion of grades for courses taken prior to Fall 2009 to their academic dean's office no later than October 1, 2009. The maximum number of course grades for work completed before or after fall 2009 that may be excluded is three (3) course grades of D or F (including FA or U).** Once a request for deletion of a grade has been granted and that grade has been removed from the calculation of the cumulative grade-point average, the grade and credit cannot be restored.

Students should follow guidelines for the repeat of courses in which grades of A, B, or C have been awarded (See the following section on Other Policies on Repeat of Courses). However, all grades will be used for determining all academic honors.

Auburn University transcripts will include two grade-point averages: a semester grade-point average, and a cumulative grade-point average. The transcript will carry an appropriate notation that the cumulative grade-point average may not include grades for all courses attempted.

Other Policies on Repeat of Courses. No student may repeat a course for credit in which the student has previously earned a grade of A, B, or C without written permission by the student's academic dean. Courses specifically designated as repeatable in the *Auburn University Bulletin* are exempt from this regulation. Students may repeat courses in which they earn a grade of D or F. Grades and hours for both attempts will be included in the calculation of the grade-point average unless the grade adjustment policy has been invoked for the first attempt. (See the previous section for limitations and procedures). If the grade adjustment policy is not invoked in the case of the repeat of a D grade, then the course credit hours may count only once toward graduation unless the course is designated as repeatable.