

REPEATED COURSEWORK

The Department of Education has published regulations which impact students who repeat courses. Beginning July 1, 2011, students may only receive federal financial aid funding for one repetition of a previously passed course.

The Academic Senate Policy on Repetition of Coursework and the Financial Aid Policy differ in application. The financial aid eligibility course repeat policy is generally more restrictive, allowing less course repetition than the academic policy does.

San Jose State University Academic Senate Repetition of Courses Policy

According to the San Jose State University Academic Repeat Policy, San Jose State University allows Undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students (regular enrollment and Open University) to repeat courses only if they earned grades lower than a C (including WU, IC, and NC). Graduate students may repeat courses only if they earned grades lower than a B (including WU, IC, and NC) up to a total of 28 units.

Per the same academic policy, students who have received a grade of C- or lower for an individual course **may** repeat that course if the major requires a C or higher. Read the complete Academic Senate Repetition of Courses Policy online at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F08-2.pdf>.

As discussed next, however, a student's **academic** eligibility to repeat a course does **not** ensure that the units associated with the repeated course will count towards his or her financial aid eligibility.

Financial Aid Eligibility Course Repeat Policy

The Financial Aid Eligibility Course Repeat policy applies to all schools in the nation whose students receive federal financial aid, including San Jose State University. Per the policy, students may only receive federal financial aid for **one repeat** of a course they have already taken and passed. It is important to understand that in terms of this federal policy, **a passing grade is D- or higher**, regardless of whether a student's major requires him or her to pass the course with a grade of C or higher.

Units associated with courses students have not yet passed are included in the semester units eligible for financial aid consideration.

Students should remember, however, that failed coursework is calculated in the overall Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) review each year, and students are required to meet SAP standards to remain eligible for financial aid.

Examples of repeated coursework that may, or may not, count for financial aid eligibility:

Allowable for financial aid:

- If you have already passed a course with a "D-" or better, and you are repeating the course for the first time, our office can include that course when determining your financial aid eligibility.
- If you have taken a course and previously failed (F, W, WU, IC and NC), you can repeat the course, and our office can include that course when determining your financial aid eligibility.

- If you have taken a course and withdrawn from it, you can repeat the course, and our office can include that course when determining your financial aid eligibility.

You must also meet [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) to ensure continued eligibility for financial aid.

Not permissible for financial aid:

- If you have already passed a course two times with a "D-" or better, and you are repeating the course for the second time (or more), our office cannot include that course when determining your financial aid eligibility.
- If you have already passed a course with a "D-" or better, then repeat the course and earn an "F," for any additional repeats of the course, our office cannot include that course when determining your financial aid eligibility.

Effect on Financial Aid Eligibility

A recalculation of financial aid eligibility is completed when you enroll in a course that is not aid eligible to exclude these units. You may be required to repay a portion or all of your financial aid if it is determined that you are repeating a course for which you have already received a passing grade after the add/drop period has ended. Students are responsible for meeting payment deadlines established by the University whenever there is a balance due after recalculation.

Students must continue to adhere to the San Jose State University Academic Repeat Policy and the Academic Progress Policy. Please contact the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office for more information.

All repeated courses do affect financial aid satisfactory academic progress calculations. A repeated course along with the original attempt must be counted as attempted units.