



ACADEMIC POLICY

Course Repeat

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. **The undergraduate policy indicates that I can only repeat the same course two times (maximum three attempts per course). What counts as an attempt?**

A course attempt is any Kent State course for which a grade (A-F, S/U) or mark is given and displayed on your transcript and GPS degree audit. Marks include withdrawal (W), credit/no credit (Y/Z), audit (AU), never attended–F (NF) and stopped attending–F (SF).

Courses that you dropped before the 14th day of the semester (or earlier for short-term courses) — i.e., you did not receive a W mark — are not counted as an attempt.

2. **Where can I find what is counted or not counted in my GPA for repeated courses?**

All attempts of the same (or equivalent) Kent State course will have either the letter "I" (include) or "E" (exclude) next to the grade on your transcript and your GPS degree audit (both found in [FlashLine](#)).

- "I" counts in your GPA
- "E" does not count in your GPA

In addition, courses with an "E" next to the grade are listed with 0 credit hours.

3. **Do I have to fill out any paperwork to repeat a course?**

No. If the course is eligible to be repeated, simply register for the course again. At the end of the term in which you are repeating the course, the course repeat will automatically occur once all grades are submitted in FlashFAST.

4. **Does the three-attempt rule mean that I can never register for a course again after the third attempt?**

If you are in this situation, you need to meet with your advisor to discuss next steps, which may range from taking a different course or changing your program to being approved to repeat the course again.

5. **If my advisor allows me to repeat a course for the third time, which grade(s) will count in my GPA?**

No matter the number of times you take the same course, only the highest grade earned from all the attempts counts in your GPA. (Note: For an upper-division course, you must have repeated the course in fall 2019 or later for this statement to be true.)

6. Are there any situations where all my grades and/or credit hours are counted for repeated courses?

Yes, for courses that are designated as "repeatable for credit," students earn credit for each successful attempt, and the university counts all grades (passed and failed) for all attempts in the GPA. Courses designated as repeatable for credit are noted as such in their description in the [University Catalog](#):

ACCT 43096 INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION IN ACCOUNTING

(Repeatable for credit) Individual research into a current accounting topic.

Prerequisite: Accounting major; and senior standing; and special approval.

Schedule Type: Individual Investigation

Contact Hours: 3-9 other

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

In another situation, all grades from all attempted Kent State courses are counted in the GPA for [Latin honors](#) (e.g., summa cum laude) and With Distinction (for associate degrees) at graduation.

7. What is the difference between Course Repeat and GPA Adjustment? How do I know which is best for me?

Repeating a course is a better option when you need the course for your program requirements. [GPA Adjustment](#) allows you to remove up to six courses from your GPA with C- grades or below, and it is typically advantageous when those courses are not necessary to graduate from your program. It is best to consult with an academic advisor to determine which option, and courses, is best for you.

8. Do the lower grades for my repeated courses display on my transcript?

Yes, all grades for all attempted Kent State courses appear on your transcript, even the grades that were removed from your GPA through either by repeating the course or by taking advantage of the [GPA Adjustment policy](#). No exceptions will be made.

9. Does repeating a course affect my financial aid?

Depending on how many times you have repeated the course and the grades you have earned, repeating a course *may* affect your [satisfactory academic progress](#) for federal financial aid. If you have questions, please contact the [Financial, Billing and Enrollment Center](#).

10. The course I'm repeating now has less credit hours from when I first took it (it was 4 credit hours, now it is 3 credit hours). Will I lose that credit hour if I earn a better grade in my repeat??

In that situation, yes. Credit hours follow the grade. Therefore, the highest grade and the credit hours associated with that grade count in your GPA and overall credit hours.

Conversely, if the course was revised to be more credit hours between the time you first took it and when you repeated it (e.g., 3 credit hours for first attempt, 4 credit hours for repeat), you will gain the additional credit hours if you earn a higher grade for the repeat.

11. I earned the same grade in my repeat. Which course/grade will be in my GPA?

If the same grade is earned in a course repeat, the first attempt of the course will count in your GPA and overall credit hours.

12. I already have my bachelor's degree. Can I still take advantage of the course repeat policy?

The previous (pre-2019) course repeat policy excluded post-baccalaureate students from grade forgiveness when repeating courses (i.e., all attempts counted in their GPA, even lower-division repeats). The revised policy removes that exclusion.

Therefore, if you previously earned a bachelor's (from Kent State or elsewhere) and now repeat an undergraduate course in fall 2019 or later, only the highest grade from all attempts counted in the GPA. Please note that if you hold a Kent State bachelor's degree, the GPA for your previous degree does not change for a future repeat of a course.

13. What happens if I choose the pass/fail grade option (now called credit/no credit) when repeating a course?

The Pass grade (now called Credit) has the same weight as the D grade, although it does not count in your GPA. Therefore, if you earned a grade higher than D in the first attempt and Pass grade in second attempt, the grade in the first attempt will be counted in your GPA. If the first grade is D and the second grade is Pass/Credit or Fail/No Credit, the D grade will be counted in the GPA.

Please note that any course with the Pass/Credit grade will not count toward the Kent Core or any requirement in your major, minor or certificate. You must [submit a request](#) for the credit/no credit option.

See the table below for how using the Pass/Fail grade (now called Credit/No Credit) for a repeated undergraduate course will affect your GPA.

Grade in 1st attempt	Grade in 2nd attempt	What grade counts in GPA
C	Credit (Y)	C
C	No Credit (Z)	C
C-	Credit (Y)	C-
C-	No Credit (Z)	C-
D	Credit (Y)	D
D	No Credit (Z)	D
F	Credit (Y)	Neither
F	No Credit (Z)	F

14. Can I have a bad grade forgiven for repeating a graduate course?

No. If you repeat a graduate course, both grades will count in your graduate GPA.

15. I didn't do well in my algebra course, so I took it again at another college and transferred it in. How does that affect my GPA?

If the two courses are coded in the [Kent State transfer guide](#) as equivalent, only the first attempt is counted in your GPS degree audit for graduation.

- First attempt is a Kent State course: Both your grade and credit hours are counted in your GPA and overall credit hours.
- First attempt is the transfer course: Only the credit hours are counted.

16. What happens if I take a course that is listed as equivalent to a course I took previously?

Courses coded as equivalent are treated as the same course. Therefore, only the highest grade from the two attempts will count in the GPA. If courses are equivalent or "cross-listed" (i.e., co-scheduled together), that information will be in the course description in the [University Catalog](#).

POL 30000 MAY 4 1970 AND ITS AFTERMATH 3 Credit Hours

(Cross-listed with **PACS 30000**) Study of the events of the 1960s in the United States leading up to May 4, 1970, when the Ohio National Guard killed and wounded Kent State University students protesting the war in Vietnam and Cambodia. Topics are considered within their cultural, historical, social and political contexts. Course also examines the aftermath of May 4, including the controversy over constructing the Gym Annex on the site of the shootings, the legal trials, the role of commemorations and memorials and the politics of remembering May 4, 1970.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

BMRT 11000 INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS 3 Credit Hours

(Equivalent to **BUS 10123**) Overview of social, economic and consumer environments as related to large and small business. Emphasis is on production, marketing, finance, management and human resources.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

The same is true for courses that previously had a different course ID (i.e., different course subject and/or number). It's important to talk with your advisor before registering courses that are not listed on your GPS audit to ensure the courses will count.

17. I did the GPA Adjustment for a course to have the grade forgiven. But now I realize I need the course for my program. What happens if I repeat the course??

If you used the [GPA Adjustment policy](#) for a course, that forgiven grade will not be considered at all if you repeat the course.

For example, you earned a D grade in PSYC 1176 and used the GPA Adjustment policy to forgive the D grade. But then, later, you repeated the course and earned an F grade. The F grade will count in your GPA.

18. How does repeating a course affect my receiving Latin honors?

All grades from all attempted Kent State courses count in the GPA for [Latin Honors](#) for baccalaureate-seeking students and With Distinction for associate degree-seeking students. Grades that were excluded from your GPA under the course repeat or [GPA Adjustment policy](#) are included in the GPA for honors.

For example, you earned a C- grade in ENG 11011, repeated it and earned a B+ grade the second time. Only the B+ grade will count in your overall GPA for graduation. However, both the C- and B+ grades will count in your GPA for honors.

19. I was previously at Kent State and have now returned. Has the course repeat policy changed? How will this change affect me if I repeat a course I took years ago?

A major change (starting fall 2019) is that you may repeat any undergraduate course (00000-40000 levels), and the university will count only the highest grade from all attempts of the same course in your undergraduate GPA. Before fall 2019, this policy extended only to lower-division (0000-20000 levels) courses.

The revised policy affects all students **IF** they repeat an upper-division course in fall 2019 or later. Below are some examples:

- You repeated a 30000- or 40000-level course prior to fall 2019. Both grades (initial attempt and repeat) count in your GPA under the previous course repeat policy
- You took a 30000- or 40000-level course before fall 2019 and then repeated the course in fall 2019 or later. The highest grade from the two attempts counts in your GPA.
- You repeated a 30000- or 40000-level course before fall 2019. At that time, your GPA included both grades. In fall 2019 or later, you repeated the course for a second time (i.e., two attempts before fall 2019 and one attempt after fall 2019). The highest grade from the three attempts now counts in your GPA.

20. I repeated an upper-division course before 2019. Will I be able to take advantage of the revised policy?

The revised policy is enacted only if you repeated the upper-division course in fall 2019 or later.

21. Can I ask that Kent State forgive a grade for an upper-division course that was repeated before fall 2019?

No, the policy revision that counts upper-division courses in the recalculation of the GPA became effective for fall 2019. No exceptions will be made for individual students.