

Using Federal Financial Aid To Pay For Repeating A Course

Beginning July 1st, 2012, you may now use Federal financial aid only one time to pay for repeating a course you have previously passed. If you receive a grade higher than an “F”, this is considered passing by the Department of Education regulations and you may only repeat this course one time using Federal financial aid.

If you have not received a passing grade previously in the course, there is no limit to how many times you may retake the course using Federal financial aid, providing you meet the satisfactory academic progress policy guidelines.

Please note: it is important to check with your financial aid office regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements and the impact of repeat coursework and completion rates on financial aid eligibility. It is also important to know that in addition to the Federal guidelines on repeating coursework, your school may have an internal policy which governs your ability to retake courses as well as use financial aid to cover them.

Please check with your academic or financial aid office for further information on how your school's policy may impact your specific situation.

Eligibility and enrollment status for retaking coursework

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/2009/course.html>

34 CFR 668.2(b)

The regulatory definition for full-time enrollment status (for undergraduates) has been revised to allow a student to retake (one time only per previously passed course), any previously passed course. For this purpose, passed means any grade higher than an “F,” regardless of any school or program policy requiring a higher qualitative grade or measure to have been considered to have passed the course. This retaken class may be counted towards a student’s enrollment status and the student may be awarded Title IV aid for the enrollment status based on inclusion of the class.

A student may be repeatedly paid for repeatedly failing the same course (normal SAP policy still applies to such cases), and if a student withdraws before completing the course that he or she is being paid Title IV funds for retaking, then that is not counted as his or her one allowed retake for that course.

However, if a student passed a class once then is repaid for retaking it and fails the second time, that failure counts as their paid retake, and the student may not be paid for retaking the class a third time.