

## Proposal for Course Repeat Policy

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Proposed: Students may repeat only once a course in which they receive a C- or lower; the higher grade received will be counted in their cumulative GPA. The other grade will remain on the transcript but will not count toward the cumulative GPA. Repeated courses must be taken at JCU. Students must submit an online academic petition to their advisor and the dean. The form will clearly state that the previous grade will continue to exist on their transcript and that the higher grade will count toward their cumulative average

Rationale: Currently our course repeat policies make recovery from a bad semester prohibitively difficult because, even if a student is able to repeat a course successfully, the original grade is still averaged into their cumulative GPA. We should provide incentive for students to master material that they want to know. This new course repeat policy is consistent with a majority of Ohio private colleges and universities as well as several Jesuit colleges and universities.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> I consulted with and received positive feedback from John Day, Jim Krukones, Lauren Bowen, Nick Santilli, Jeanne Colleran, Peter Kvidera, Mark Storz, Kathy DiFranco, Karen Schuele, Jim Martin, and Lindsay Calkins on the content and wording of this proposal.

<sup>2</sup> I asked the Dean's listserv of AJCU (Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities) schools about course repeat policies, but not all replied. Among those that replied there was significant variation regarding grade repeat policies. A graduate student called all Ohio Private Colleges and Universities to inquire about course repeat policies and found that a large majority allow student to repeat a course and only count the higher grade toward the cumulative GPA.