

No Credit (NC) Grades in IFP and Selected Lower-Division Courses

For Intellectual Foundations Program (IFP) courses, prerequisites to IFP courses (MAT 1033 and CHM 1025), and beginning foreign language courses (such as SPN 1120 and SPN 1121), students will receive a grade of NC (No Credit) if their grade does not meet the minimum needed to meet the IFP requirement. Faculty will enter the grades as earned (C, D, F, etc.) and the grade will be converted automatically to NC where appropriate. For IFP mathematics and English Composition courses (including ENC 1102 substitute courses), students will receive a grade of NC for an earned grade in the course of C- or below. Grades of C or higher will appear as earned on the student's transcript. For all other IFP courses, students will receive a grade of NC in place of the grade of F. NC grades are not calculated in GPA. The following conditions apply to this policy:

1. The grade of NC is applied a maximum of four times to the above courses over the course of the student's academic career and applies only to courses carrying two or more credit hours.
2. The grade of NC may not be applied to repeated courses.
3. The actual grade entered for the course (C, D, F, etc.) will be used for all academic standing calculations (probation, dismissal, etc.).
4. The NC grade may not be applied to grades awarded due to an academic irregularity. (See University Regulations, Chapter 4, Regulation 4.001, Code of Academic Integrity.)

Students should understand that all coursework, including those courses for which the NC grade policy has been applied, counts in the calculation of excess hours. Students might eventually incur additional fees in the pursuit of their degree, so they will need to chart their plan of study in consultation with an academic advisor.

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University Forgiveness Policy for Repeated Courses

The University Forgiveness Policy permits an undergraduate student to repeat an FAU course and allow only the last grade to count in the grade point average. The policy does not remove the previous grade but eliminates the effect of that grade on the FAU cumulative GPA by removing it from the computation. The Forgiveness Policy does not apply to non-degree or transient students, nor does it apply to S/U courses.

Forgiveness Policy Request forms are available [here](#) or in the Office of the Registrar and should be submitted after the course has been repeated. In the event that a student chooses to repeat a course that is no longer offered by the University, it is the prerogative of the academic unit that offered the original course to either deny the student's request or to designate an appropriate, related substitute course.

The following conditions apply to the use of the forgiveness policy:

1. This policy may be applied three timestwice during a student's undergraduate study at the University, but no more than two of the courses may be at the 3000- and 4000-levels. If a student is in a five-year baccalaureate program, one of those two courses may be a 5000-level course in that program.
2. All freshmen wishing to use the forgiveness policy must obtain the approval of an advisor.
3. The repeated course must be taken at FAU.
4. Grades awarded due to academic irregularities cannot be repeated under the Forgiveness Policy. (See University Regulations, Chapter 4, Regulation 4.001, Code of Academic Integrity.)
5. For transferred courses, grade forgiveness by the prior institution will be honored by Florida Atlantic University.

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