Current Repeat course policy

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Repeated courses will be reported as follows: a) the original and the repeated grade(s) appear on the transcript; b) only the higher (or highest) grade is included in the calculation of the cumulative grade point average. The highest grade will be marked with an ‘I’ for included to show that it is included in the cumulative GPA. Any other grades will be marked with an “E” for excluded to show that it is excluded from the cumulative GPA.

When a student earns the same grade in a repeated course a) the grade is calculated once in the cumulative grade point average and b) the credits and quality points are applied to the most recent term or semester in which the grade was earned. Credit hours for the repeated course may be counted only once toward meeting graduation requirements.

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