

Non-Consent Agenda Item:

Approval to revise the Grade Replacement Opportunity (GRO) Policy

Effective Term:

Spring 2017 for all undergraduate students, regardless of Catalog year (*Note: a one-semester implementation period is requested by the Registrar's Office to allow for configuration of UAccess.*)

Proposed Revisions to the Grade Replacement Opportunity (GRO) Policy – see <http://catalog.arizona.edu/2015-16/policies/gro2.htm>, items #2, #5, and #8 (below):

#2 *All undergraduates who have attempted earned fewer than 60 University Credits (i.e., units in residence at the UA) at the time of application for GRO are eligible. Students with 60 or more attempted earned University Credits may retake courses in accordance with the Course Repeat Policy but without use of the GRO.*

Rationale:

- “Attempted units” is confusing to students and requires explanation from advisors.
- The attempted unit total is not available on the advisement report or in Student Center.
- Class Standing is defined by earned units, not attempted units. Junior standing is reached when a student has 60 earned units. For continuing students, this revision aligns the policy with class standing, while transfer students will still have a 2-year window to use this option, regardless of their class standing.
- Earned units are available to students and advisors in Student Center (under the Academics tab): *Units Passed Towards GPA + Units Passed Not for GPA (e.g., S/P grades) = Earned Units*

#5 *"Credit by Exam", "Grade by Exam", "Individual Studies" courses, "Correspondence" courses, "Success Courses," "Developmental Courses," and "Pass/Fail" courses cannot be taken under GRO. Individual Studies is defined as courses with numbers ending in 91 (Preceptorship), 92 (directed research), 93 (internship), 94 (practicum), and 99 (independent study).*

Rationale:

- Courses with an AX/BX in the course number are developmental (pre-college level), do not count toward total degree units, and do not factor into the UA GPA (e.g., Math 100AX, SAS 100AX/BX).
- Currently, students are losing a GRO by repeating a course that doesn't count toward the degree.

#8 *Move up to #3. GRO requests for regular-dated classes in any session may be submitted online during GRO filing periods. See the exact [GRO Filing Deadlines](#) and the [GRO Information](#) page.*

Rationale:

- Move item #8 closer to the top of the list so that students will pay attention to it! Many students miss the GRO filing period, because the deadline is early in the term.

Approvals:

Undergraduate Council: 4/12/16

Graduate Council: N/A

Academic Deans: ?

Administrative Review: ?

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