



Repeat Coursework Policy for Financial Aid Students

The U.S. Department of Education has instituted Program Integrity rules that may impact the receipt of financial aid funds for students who repeat (retake) coursework, including the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), and Direct Loans.

Based on federal regulations, the Office of Financial Aid cannot pay a student for coursework that has been passed and repeated more than one time. ***This means that a student can only receive financial aid for one repetition of a previously passed course.***

For purposes of receiving Title IV aid to pay for repeated coursework, the Department of Education considers a 'D' to be a passing grade, regardless of institutional policy or program of study. Additionally, all courses previously taken, even if financial aid was not used, are compared against the current semester to determine if it is a repeated class and whether it qualifies for financial aid. Courses from which a student withdraws are not considered repeated coursework under the new regulations.

Examples of repeated course work that will count towards financial aid eligibility:

Biology 101			
Term	Eligible for Aid?	Reason	Grade
Fall 2023	Yes	Degree Applicable	W
Spring 2024	Yes	Student Withdrew from Fall '23 Course	F
Summer 2024	Yes	Student Failed Spring '24 Course	D
Fall 2024	Yes	1 st Repeat of Passed Course Taken Summer '24	B

- A student receives a failing grade. He or she may retake the course and receive financial aid for it. There is no limit on the number of attempts allowable if the student does not receive a passing grade in the course. In other words, a student can continue to repeat the course and receive aid for it as long as they never pass it.
- A student receives a 'D' in a course and decides to retake the course for a better grade. The student may retake the class and receive financial aid for it. This is because it is the student's first repeat of a previously passed class and it is aid eligible.

Examples of repeated coursework that will not count towards financial aid eligibility:

Biology 101			
Term	Eligible for Aid?	Reason	Grade
Fall 2023	Yes	Degree Applicable	D
Spring 2024	Yes	1 st Repeat of Passed Course Taken Fall '23	F
Summer 2024	No	2 nd Repeat of Passed Course Taken Fall '23	C+

Biology 101			
Term	Eligible for Aid?	Reason	Grade
Fall 2023	Yes	Degree Applicable	D
Spring 2024	Yes	1 st Repeat of Passed Course Taken Fall '23	C+
Summer 2024	No	2 nd Repeat of Passed Course Taken Fall '23	B

- A student has passed a course and decides to retake it. On the first repeat (which is aid eligible) the student fails the course. The student cannot receive aid to pay for the second repeat of the course. This is because ***the regulation allows for one repetition of a previously passed course.***
- A second repeat of a previously passed course is not aid eligible. *This includes any student who is repeating a course for the second time because he or she must meet an academic standard or minimum grade requirement in the class.*

Important reminders for all students who repeat coursework:

- The Office of Financial aid does not determine if a student may repeat a class. We are only responsible for determining if the repeated course is eligible for financial aid. For information on academic program policies and program grade requirements, contact Academic Advising.
- Financial aid packages will be adjusted when repeated coursework is determined to be non-aid eligible. Students will be notified via their Charter Oak email account when adjustments are made. Students will be responsible for payment on all coursework that is not aid eligible.
- All Repeated coursework (whether passed, failed, or withdrawn from) has an impact on satisfactory academic progress calculations. The College's Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress policy is available in [MyCharterOak](#) by accessing the "Financial Aid" tab and clicking on "Policies". Students should always check MyCharterOak for timely financial aid announcements, and updates to policies and procedures during the course of the award year.