

REPEATING COURSES

A student may repeat courses to improve his/her grade point average. The grade earned after the first enrollment of a course will replace the grade originally earned when calculating the student's grade point average, provided that the repeat grade is higher than the original grade. All grades earned after the first repetition of a course will be included in the calculation of grade point average. (It is recommended that courses for which a grade of D or F was earned be repeated.) A student may not repeat for credit a 100- or 200-level language course once he/she has received credit for another course at a higher level in the same language and may not repeat for credit the lower-level course of any subject in a hyphenated sequence once he/she has received credit for the higher-level course. Once a student has completed, either successfully or unsuccessfully, a course at FMU, he/she may not repeat that course at another institution for transfer credit to FMU. However, a student may be permitted to repeat for additional credit a course he/she took for credit ten or more years previously.

A student may not repeat a nursing course that has a clinical or laboratory component unless they are enrolled in the nursing program.

A student may not repeat an Honors course in order to raise his/her grade point average. In order to improve the grade point average, a student may repeat in a regular section a course that he/she took as an Honors section, but the new grade will carry no Honors credit.

When a student repeats a course, all grades appear on the transcript. Grades of CO and W are not used in the calculation of grade point average. These grades also are not counted in the repeat regulations.

ACADEMIC RENEWAL POLICY

A student formerly enrolled at FMU who has not been enrolled at FMU for three consecutive calendar years is eligible to apply for Academic Renewal. The intent of this policy is to provide a renewed start for students who experienced academic difficulty during their initial enrollment at FMU. Academic Renewal Applications are available to readmitted students in the Registrar's Office.

All coursework previously taken at FMU by a student who is granted Academic Renewal will be treated as if it were transfer credit from another institution for purposes of granting credit toward graduation from FMU. The earlier courses, therefore, will not be included in computing the student's grade point average. Only those earlier courses in which a student earned a C or higher may be counted toward fulfillment of graduation requirements.

All courses and grades, including those taken while previously enrolled at FMU, will appear on the student's transcript. Other institutions are likely to include all grades and courses when calculating a student's grade point average for such purposes as transfer or admission to graduate and professional programs.

The Academic Renewal Policy is subject to the following stipulations:

1. A student may be readmitted under the Academic Renewal Policy one time only.
2. A student seeking readmission under the Academic Renewal Policy who has been enrolled at other institutions of higher education since leaving Francis Marion University must be in good academic standing at the institution most recently attended.
3. A student must seek academic renewal at the time of application for readmission. Once academic renewal has been granted, the action is irreversible.

4. A student readmitted under the Academic Renewal Policy will be governed by the rules and regulations (including major, minor, and General Education Requirements) in effect at FMU at the time of readmission.
5. Readmission under the Academic Renewal Policy does not guarantee acceptance into any program at FMU that requires a specific grade point average. Admission to those programs depends upon the policies of the particular academic schools or departments involved.
6. Students admitted under the Academic Renewal Policy are automatically placed on Academic Probation 2.
7. A course completed, either successfully or unsuccessfully, at FMU prior to academic renewal may not be repeated at another institution for transfer credit to FMU.
8. Following readmission under the Academic Renewal Policy, a student must complete at least 36 semester hours at FMU to be eligible for graduation.
9. All courses taken at FMU, including those taken prior to academic renewal, will be counted when computing eligibility for graduation with academic honors.

ACADEMIC STANDING

ELIGIBILITY TO CONTINUE

A minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average is required to maintain good academic standing. After the first major (full fall or spring) semester a student fails to obtain the required minimum 2.0 overall grade point average, the student is placed on academic Probation 1 and will receive written notification from the University.

While on Probation 1, the student is strongly advised to repeat courses necessary to regain an overall 2.0 grade point average and may take no more than 13 credit hours in a major semester, seven hours in any one summer term, and four hours in the late spring term. The student is removed from probation if the cumulative grade point average is 2.0 or higher at the end of that semester.

If the student's overall grade point average is less than a 1.25 at the end of the Probation 1 semester, then the student is dismissed. If the student's overall grade point average is at least a 1.25 but less than a 2.0 at the end of the Probation 1 semester, then the student is placed on Probation 2. A student on Probation 2 is required to repeat courses to regain an overall 2.0 grade point average and is not allowed to take more than 13 hours in a major semester, seven hours in any one summer term, and four hours in the late spring term. Once the student's academic adviser has advised the student, the student's schedule will be verified and entered into the system by the Associate Provost for Enrollment Management or the personnel in the Registrar's Office. The student is removed from probation if the cumulative grade point average is 2.0 or higher at the end of that semester. At the end of the Probation 2 semester, if the student fails to earn a 2.0 cumulative grade point average, the student is dismissed from the University.

If the grade point average of a student who has previously been on Probation 2 falls below a cumulative 2.0, the student will be placed on Probation 2. If the grade point average of a student with 87 or more hours falls below a cumulative 2.0 grade point average the student will be placed on Probation 2.

This policy is for eligibility to continue only. Some degree programs may have higher grade point average requirements for graduation.

ACADEMIC DISMISSAL

After the first academic dismissal, the student will not be allowed to enroll