Academic Regulations is an annual publication of the Office of the Provost. All undergraduate students are responsible for complying with the rules, regulations, policies, and procedures contained in this publication as well as those in other official University publications and announcements which may be issued from time to time.

Students are also expected to familiarize themselves with other general information documents including, but not limited to, the Guide to Undergraduate Programs.

The University reserves the right to change policies and regulation whenever such action is deemed appropriate or necessary.

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Questions, comments, and suggestions should be forwarded to The Registrar, 213 Whitmore, not later than April 1 each year. Academic Regulations will also be published on the Registrar’s website at www.umass.edu/registrar.

E. Repeated Courses.

Students may repeat courses, taken before Fall 2004, in which they have earned grades of CD, D or F. Students may repeat courses, taken in Fall 2004 and later, in which they earn grades of C-, D+, D, or F. In the first five courses repeated, the second grade earned will be automatically substituted for the first (see number 1). A student who has repeated fewer than five courses and wishes to repeat a course without grade substitution must notify the Registrar's Office of this intent within the Add/Drop period of the semester in which the course is repeated. If the student withdraws from the second enrollment, the second enrollment will not count as a course repetition.

1. Grade Substitution: For the first five courses which a student repeats, the second course grade earned will be substituted for the first grade earned. The credits attempted and grade earned in the repeated enrollment will be used for determination of credit earned toward satisfaction of graduation requirements and in the calculation of the grade point average. The grade earned in the first enrollment will remain noted on the student's transcript, as will the original notations regarding the student's academic status, but will not affect the student's cumulative grade point average.
   a. If a student originally passes a course with a grade of C-, CD, D+ or D, and fails the course on a repeated enrollment, the student will lose the credit previously earned toward graduation requirements (including degree credit, and satisfaction of General Education, college, or major requirements).

b. Grade substitution is automatic only with one repeat per course. Grade substitution for a third or subsequent enrollment in a course requires permission of the undergraduate dean.

c. A student's undergraduate dean may approve the replacement of an original course with a different course, as long as the new course fulfills the same academic requirement as the first course and the replacement is appropriate because the student has significantly changed his or her course of study.

d. Grade substitution is available only for repeated enrollment on the UMass Amherst campus. Repeating a UMass Amherst course at another of the Five Colleges, at another campus of the University, or at any other institution
will not result in grade substitution.

e. The grade substitution option became effective in fall 1993, and cannot be retroactively applied to courses repeated prior to that semester.

2. Courses that are repeated without grade substitution: Credits attempted and grades earned in both enrollments of a repeated course will be included in the computation of the student's semester and cumulative grade point averages. Degree credit will be awarded only once. This applies to any repeated courses beyond five, any course repeated more than once without approval, and any course intentionally repeated without grade substitution.

3. A course in which a student earns a grade of C or higher may not be repeated for either credits or a grade. In unusual circumstances, students who re-enter after an extended period may, with the approval of an undergraduate dean, repeat courses originally graded C or better and receive a grade but no further graduation credit.

4. A course in which a student has an academic dishonesty sanction may not be repeated for grade forgiveness.