

Educational Policies Committee Proposal to amend the Extended-X Policy

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Rationale: The Extended-X policy (which is also referred to as “Expanded X,” “Course Retake,” “Amended-FX,” “grade forgiveness,” and “GPA exclusion”) has been in place for seven years. Approximately 300 requests to retake a course in order to supplant a previous grade are made per year. The policy was re-examined at the request of Student Services staff most familiar with the procedure, and who pointed out the unworkability and unfairness of certain provisions.

The Educational Policies Committee proposes two key changes. First, elimination of the rule restricting eligible courses to those taken in the first 45 hours. Because of transfer credits, high school credits, etc... it is almost impossible to determine whether a course meets this criterion. Additionally, students are as likely to encounter unforeseen difficulties in courses later in their careers as in the first year.

Second, the committee considered the deadline by which students have to declare their intent to use a current course to supplant an earlier one. A late deadline like the Auto-W deadline encourages students to wait it out and possibly game their grades. It was determined that a much earlier deadline (such as a registration, or in the first two weeks) was not feasible; the proposed use of the Pass/Fail deadline (generally in the third week of a course) avoids the creation of a new line in the academic calendar, and co-ordinates this decision with the analogous decision students face regarding declaration of Pass/Fail.

Taken from <http://registrar.indiana.edu/extendedx.shtml>

Course Retake Policy (Extended-X)

Bloomington Faculty Council Action (May 3, 1994)

Any undergraduate student may retake a course for which he/she received a grade below an A ~~during the first 45 hours of coursework~~. A student may exercise this option for no more than three courses, totaling no more than 10 credits. A student may use this option only once for a given course.

The student’s transcript shall record both grades. For the course retaken, only the second grade shall be counted in the determination of the student’s grade-point average (GPA). Any GPA calculated in accord with this policy shall be marked with an asterisk denoting that a lower grade has been replaced by a second grade in the course.

Extended-X (Amended – FX) Implementation Policies

Bloomington Faculty Council Action (Circular B37-2001; March 6 & 20, 2001)

1. Only courses attempted during or after the Fall 2001 term will be eligible for replacement under the new policy.
2. ~~Students may replace any course taken prior to or during the term in which their forty-fifth credit hour* is earned.~~
3. ~~All IU coursework and any transferred course credits earned at another institution will be included in calculating the “first forty-five hours.”~~
4. The following grades cannot be replaced under the expanded FX policy; S, P, W, I, R, NC.
5. GPA credit hours for the replaced course will be removed at the point at which the course is replaced.
6. Courses repeatable with different content are not eligible for replacement under this policy unless a unit chooses to permit this by means of a specific authorization procedure.
7. A student may not request reversal after asking for and applying the GPA exclusion.
8. A student may not replace a grade with a second grade of W, I, R or NC.
9. Students who re-enroll in a course must indicate to the school of their major or to University Division, as appropriate, their intent to apply the GPA exclusion policy to a specific course ~~by the date of automatic withdrawal~~ **by the Pass/Fail deadline specific to that course.**
10. ~~Initially,~~ **The Extended-X policy will adhere to FX policy (*UFC documents 1975, 1976, 1979, 1984, 1987*), administrative practice, and guidelines regarding exceptional cases, where these are not in conflict with the provisions of the Extended-X policy nor with these Implementation Policies. A statement of the applicable practices has been compiled and is on file with the ~~Dean of Faculties~~ **Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education** and with the Office of the Registrar.**
11. In ~~initial~~ implementation of the Extended-X policy, as under the FX policy, Bloomington joins all other campuses in honoring the principle that the grade forgiveness policy on the degree granting campus is applicable for each student. Hence, if an IUB student transfers to another campus with more liberal grade replacement policies, IUB will honor requests from that campus, on behalf of the student, to replace an IUB grade that may not be replaceable under IUB policy. Were the student to return to IUB for graduation, however, that course exclusion would not apply.

~~*While the grades are removed from the GPA calculation, the hours are not, and must remain in the count towards the first 45 hours of enrollment (transfer of IU coursework) limit set by the policy.~~