

Educational Policies Committee Proposal to amend the Extended-X Policy

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. The policy was re-examined at the request of the University Division staff most familiar with the procedure, who pointed out the unworkability and unfairness of certain provisions. The Education Policy Committee proposes two key changes. The first eliminates the rule restricting eligible courses to those taken in the first 45 hours. Transfer credits, high school credits, advanced placement credit, etc., make it almost impossible to determine whether a course fits in that time frame. 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 such as the Auto-W deadline (which falls in the 9th week) 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. The committee notes that many students ignore all the deadlines and petition to exclude a grade long after the course is completed. Members expressed the opinion that schools and colleges should treat the deadline more firmly.

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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. 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 University grade-point average (GPA). Any grade which has been so excluded will show an X next to it.

Extended-X 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. The following grades cannot be replaced under the Extended-X policy; S, P, W, I, R, NC.

3. GPA credit hours for the replaced course will be removed at the point at which the course is replaced.
4. 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.
5. A student may not request reversal after asking for and applying the GPA exclusion.
6. A student may not replace a grade with a second grade of W, I, R or NC.
7. 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 Extended-X policy to a specific course by the Pass/Fail deadline specific to that course.
8. 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 Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and with the Office of the Registrar.
9. In implementation of the Extended-X policy, as under the FX policy, Bloomington joins all other campuses in honoring the principle that the grade forgiveness/course retake 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.