

# GRADE REPLACEMENT

Rose-Hulman recognizes that some students may have deficiencies in their background that may necessitate their repeating certain named required courses. The Grade Replacement provision allows them to remedy these deficiencies without grade penalty. It is also intended to encourage students who have received a marginal grade (D or D+) in a core course to repeat the course before proceeding to more advanced work.

## Stipulations:

If a student receives a penalty grade (F, D, or D+) in a named course required in the first two years of the curriculum and repeats the course at Rose-Hulman, then only the higher grade in the course will be used in calculating the cumulative GPA. (In effect, the cumulative GPA will be recalculated, dropping out the lower grade.)

This procedure may be applied to not more than two named required courses of the junior-senior curriculum.

## Limitations:

1. All grades will be recorded; that is, the prior penalty grade will not be removed from the student's permanent record.
2. The grade replacement procedure can only be applied to a course in which a penalty grade (F, D or D+) was received; grade replacement cannot be applied for courses in which a grade of C or higher was awarded.
3. If the penalty grade was an F, the student must repeat the course prior to taking any other course for which the repeated course is a prerequisite.
4. The grade replacement procedure cannot be applied to a course in which a penalty grade was assigned for disciplinary reasons.
5. There is no limit to the number of times a student can apply the grade replacement procedure to a specific eligible course, provided that all prior grades in the course were a penalty grade. Please note that repeating a course in which you previously earned a D or D+ can impact your financial aid.
6. In order to apply the grade replacement procedure, the eligible repeated course must be taken at Rose-Hulman and cannot be taken on a pass/fail basis. Courses taken at another college or university and then transferred to Rose-Hulman do not transfer in a letter grade and therefore cannot be used to grade replace.
7. If a student has transferred in credit for a course, then they can no longer apply the grade replacement procedure for that course.

## Procedure:

The student simply registers as usual for any courses for which the Grade Replacement procedure applies. If a student, after registering, finds that a course must be repeated (e.g., after final grades have been reported), a Drop/Add (<https://catalog.rose-hulman.edu/rules-procedures/drop-add/>) Form must be obtained during the first week of classes in the next term.

Also see Repeating a Course (<https://catalog.rose-hulman.edu/rules-procedures/repeating-course/>).

## Exceptions & Questions

Consult the Admissions and Standing Committee ([admstand\\_comm@rose-hulman.edu](mailto:admstand_comm@rose-hulman.edu)).