Undergraduate Grade Adjustment Policy (GAP)

Effective: 11/28/18 (revised)
Responsible Executive: Provost
Applicability: All Undergraduate Students enrolled fall 2000 or after
Review By: 11/28/22

All regularly admitted undergraduate students, who were enrolled during fall 2000 or after, may delete a maximum of three (3) course grades of D or F (including FA) associated with their undergraduate degree program from the computation of their cumulative GPA. Deletion of grades from the computation of the cumulative GPA is not available to professional students in audiology, pharmacy and veterinary medicine. Grades and credit considered as transfer credit, courses earned in a previously awarded baccalaureate degree, or grades that have been assigned as a result of an academic honesty decision are excluded from this policy.

This policy does not offer exemption from academic requirements for Auburn University degrees; adjustment only applies to grades in individual courses.

All core and major requirements must be met for graduation. Students should be aware that D or F/FA/U grades in required courses may be deleted from the computation of the cumulative GPA prior to a repeat, but the required course must be repeated at Auburn University before graduation.

Where a specific course is required for the core or a major, that course must be repeated to replace the deleted grade. Courses covered by this policy and needed to meet core area requirements or elective courses within a major may, subject to the approval of the academic dean, be replaced by any course accepted for that requirement, where applicable. All courses for which a grade is awarded at Auburn University will remain on the transcript. Courses for which a grade has been deleted from the cumulative GPA will have the grade recorded and a notation on the transcript that the grade has been excluded from the earned hours and the cumulative GPA. Students may submit a written request for grade deletion to their academic dean’s office at any time prior to graduation.

Once a request for deletion of a grade has been granted and that grade has been removed from the calculation of the cumulative GPA, the grade and credit cannot be restored.

Students should follow guidelines for the repeat of courses in which grades of A, B, or C have
been awarded (See the following section on Other Policies on Repeat of Courses). However, all grades will be used for determining all academic honors.

All Auburn University transcripts will include two GPAs: a semester GPA, and a cumulative GPA. The transcript will carry an appropriate notation that the cumulative GPA may not include grades for all courses attempted.

Note that a student may not GAP a course in a degree program once that program is complete and the degree earned. Note that gapped grades will be seen by graduate schools and professional programs and may use un-gapped GPAs in the selection process.