

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Amy Nielsen, Executive Secretary  
Faculty Senate

**FROM:** Becky Bitter, Registrar's Office

**FOR:** Professional Health Sciences Committee (PHSC)

**DATE:** 12 March 2020

**SUBJECT:** Proposal to Revise Rule 34

At its meeting on March 11, 2020, PHSC approved a proposal from the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences to revise Rule 34 on Repeat Courses.

The college stated the following in its proposal:

If a student has a course failure, he or she is placed on Curricular Probation and referred to the college's Student Progress Committee that determines progression in the program. *When appropriate*, we allow students to repeat required coursework while progressing in the curriculum.

When class conflicts arise or a student encounters multiple course failures in a single semester, progression is halted or the student is decertified from the degree program... The Chair of the academic unit offering the course does not override this policy.

... Due to licensing requirements when practicing pharmacy as interns, decertified students may not repeat courses that have a direct patient care requirement.

The revision to the rule extends to the other professional careers as listed below (MBA, Medicine, and Veterinary Medicine) since these careers may similarly need to employ more stringent repeat policies when appropriate and when documented in their handbooks and catalog materials.

A final revision to clarify the last sentence in paragraph a. was suggested and approved.

### 34. REPEAT COURSES

Students may repeat a course in which they have received a grade of C- or below, or a withdrawal (W), or when a course may be repeated for additional credit. Students may enroll more than once in the same course in any given term (fall, spring, or summer) provided that the particular periods of enrollment do not overlap and that other conditions for allowed repeats are met.

- a. Repeating courses graded C- or below. To attempt to improve the cumulative grade point average, a student may repeat courses in which a C- or below was received. When such a course is repeated, only the last grade contributes to the grade point average and total hours earned. Students may repeat a course graded C- or below one time at WSU. At WSU, additional ~~Additional~~ ~~repeats are~~ may be allowed only at WSU by special permission of the academic unit offering the course.

Students in the professional programs (MBA, Medicine, Pharmacy, or Veterinary Medicine) may be held to additional restrictions as described in their student handbooks or catalog materials.

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At this time, Faculty Senate review and approval is recommended, to be effective fall 2020.