

FAQ for Graduate and Doctoral C grades, Course Repeats and GPA

This information is provided to help graduate and doctoral students understand the policies on C grades, course repeats and GPA and how the policies relate to one another. Please note that no courses with C grades, either TESU or transfer, are permitted to fulfill degree requirements in the Nurse Practitioner programs.

Will TESU courses in which I earned a C grade fulfill my graduate or doctoral degree requirements? Students may use a maximum of two C grades to fulfill graduate or doctoral degree requirements. *No courses with C grades, either TESU or transfer, are permitted to fulfill degree requirements in the Nurse Practitioner programs.*

Will transfer courses in which I earned a C grades be accepted in transfer toward my graduate or doctoral program? All transfer credit at the graduate and doctoral level is determined by the Dean. The Dean will consider graduate or doctoral transfer courses in which you earned a C grade up to the maximum of two courses with a C grade applied to the degree program. If the content is appropriate to match a degree requirement and there are not two C grades already being applied to degree requirements, either TESU or transfer, the course will be accepted, up to the maximum of two C grades. *No courses with C grades, either TESU or transfer, are permitted to fulfill degree requirements in the Nurse Practitioner programs.*

Does the C grade policy apply to all graduate and doctoral programs? The policy applies to all graduate and doctoral programs except the Nurse Practitioner programs in the School of Nursing and Health Professions. *No courses with C grades, either TESU or transfer, are permitted to fulfill degree requirements in the Nurse Practitioner programs.*

Can I transfer in two C grades and earn two C grades at TESU? You may only use two C grades toward your degree requirements, regardless of whether the courses are transfer, TESU courses or a combination of one C grade from each source.

What happens if I earn more than two C grades? Students may apply two courses with C grades to graduate or doctoral degree requirements. Any courses with C grades over the maximum of two will not be used to fulfill degree requirements. The courses will be listed in Other Courses on My Progress. The courses will need to be repeated for a higher grade if they are required for the degree.

Am I allowed to repeat a course with a C grade to attempt to earn a higher grade?

Students are permitted to repeat each course one time in the graduate and doctoral programs. Students may wish to repeat a course in which they received a C if they wish to attempt to earn a higher grade. If a higher grade is earned, the higher grade is used to fulfill the degree requirement.

What happens if I repeat a course and don't earn a higher grade? Students are permitted to repeat each course one time in the graduate and doctoral programs. After two attempts, if the course isn't passed, or if the C grade course can't be used because it would exceed the two C course grade maximum, the student must meet with the Dean to evaluate if they can complete the program.

How do courses with a C grade affect my TESU GPA? All TESU course grades are included in the TESU GPA regardless of whether they are used to fulfill degree requirements, except for withdrawn and repeated courses. Repeated courses are defined as taking the same course again. The repeated course with the best grade is used in the calculation of the TESU GPA and the original grade is removed from the calculation. For example, if you take a course twice and earn an F and an A, the F is removed from GPA calculation and the A is included. If you take a course twice and earn a C and an A, the C is removed from GPA calculation and the A is included.

What other GPA is calculated in the graduate and doctoral programs? In all graduate and doctoral programs, the University ensures that the cumulative GPA of all courses being used to fulfill degree requirements is a 3.0 or better. This GPA calculation includes all courses being used to fulfill degree requirements, including TESU courses and transfer courses. It does not include any courses that are not used to fulfill degree requirements. This GPA is reflected on My Progress as Overall Degree GPA met, Y or N. The maximum of two C grades may be applied only as long as the Overall Degree GPA remains 3.0 or higher.