

Florida State College at Jacksonville Dual Enrollment Course Retake Policy

Notice to Dual Enrollment Students and Their Parents

Before deciding to retake the course in which you have recently received a grade of D, F, FN (failure for non-attendance), or W, you will need to review the following information on the policies governing course retakes.

Students will be permitted to retake a course only once as dual enrollment. Students who wish to retake a math course must retake the PERT as well to ensure proper advising and placement. Parents and students should carefully consider the consequences of multiple retakes, including the possibility of paying out-of-state tuition and GPA implications for transcripts.

What are these consequences? They primarily involve two areas:

Financial Costs

Florida law has established that students enrolled in the **same** undergraduate college credit course more than twice, including withdrawals earning a W grade, must pay course fees at the non-Florida resident tuition rates. The current tuition cost per credit hour for a Florida resident at Florida State College is \$102.88; for a non-Florida resident, the cost is \$399.27. Therefore the same 3 credit hour course that would cost a regular college student \$308.64 would cost \$1197.81 after the second attempt to pass the course. The chart below illustrates this considerable cost differential as applied to dual enrollment students.

Fees for Dual Enrollment Course and Retakes

	Cost per credit hour	Cost for 3 credit hour course
First attempt	No charge	No charge
Second attempt	No charge	No charge
Third attempt	\$399.27	\$1197.81

Because of the seriousness of these possible outcomes, it may be to the student's advantage to delay retaking a course until he or she has graduated from high school and has developed greater maturity and academic skills.

GPA and Transcripts

A student is only allowed three total attempts in any course. This includes withdrawals. When students repeat a course at Florida State College, only the last grade earned is calculated in their cumulative grade point average (GPA). However, students with an excessive number of "W" or "FN" grades and students who repeat courses to improve their GPA may jeopardize their admission to programs in the Florida State University System (SUS) or other institutions.

Be aware, however, that there are a small number of courses that may be repeated without penalty. These courses are designated as repeatable through the curriculum process. An example of this would be MUN 1280 State Orchestra, 1 credit hour. In the course description in the college catalog, MUN 1280 contains the following statement: "Students may elect to take this course for credit each semester with up to four credits counting toward the A.A.degree."

For complete information on the issue of retakes and grade forgiveness, please see the college catalog or speak to an advisor or counselor.