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**To:** kulfs-I - KU Lawrence Faculty and Staff; student01-I - All KU Students  
**Subject:** FYI: Amendments to Univ Senate Rules, Article II  
**Attachments:** Proposed USRR Amendments CR NC & Aca Mis.doc

TO: KU Faculty, Staff, Students

FROM: Ben Eggleston, president, University Senate

RE: Review of Proposed Amendments to the *University Senate Rules and Regulations*, Article 2.2.7 (Credit/No Credit Policy), Article 2.2.8 (Grade Replacement Policy in Repeat Courses), and Article 2.6.7 (Academic Misconduct Policy).

On 4/9/2011 you were notified of proposed amendments to the University Senate Rules and Regulations Articles 2.2.7, 2.2.8, and 2.6.7. The amendments shown in the attached document in bold/strike-out fonts were approved by the University Senate at its meeting on 5/5/2011.

A review by the University Senate of its action may be requested by a majority vote of any of the four constituent senates (Faculty Senate, Student Senate, Unclassified Senate, or University Support Staff Senate) or by a petition signed by 100 members of the university community. The University Senate Code allows 21 calendar days for this petition to be received, excluding summer session and other breaks. Therefore, such request for review must be forwarded to the Office of University Governance (33 Strong Hall, 864-5169, [govern@ku.edu](mailto:govern@ku.edu)) by September 1, 2011.

The amendment to USRR 2.2.7 (CR/NC) makes the Credit/No Credit option available to graduate students and adds new language regarding plus/minus grades when a student is enrolled in CR/NC. The amendments to USRR 2.6.7 (Academic Misconduct Policy) and USRR 2.2.8 (Grade Replacement Policy) clarify that a student who receives a D or F as a result of the sanction "Reduction of Grade for the Course" for academic misconduct may repeat the course but is not eligible for the grade-replacement policy.

Please contact me ([eggleston@ku.edu](mailto:eggleston@ku.edu)) if you have a question about these amendments.

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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Approved by University Senate on 5/5/2011

### **USRR 2.2.7 – Credit-No Credit Policy**

Rationale - Dean of Graduate Studies Sara Rosen originally recommended that the credit/no credit option be available to graduate students. Language was also added regarding plus/minus grades when a student is enrolled for CR/NC and the sections were rearranged for greater clarity. The amendments are shown in bold/strike out fonts below:

- 2.2.7 A student may elect to be graded on a scale of CR (credit) or NC (no credit) instead of on a scale of A, B, C, D, or F as provided below. ~~The credit/no credit enrollment option is not available to students in the Graduate School.~~
- 2.2.7.1 Students seeking the credit/no credit option in a semester-long course must register their choice in their dean's office during the 21<sup>st</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> instructional days of the semester. ~~Retroactive application of the Credit/No Credit option after this deadline is not allowed.~~ In all eight-week courses, including summer session, students must choose credit/no credit during the 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> instructional day of class. In courses of other duration, students must choose credit/no credit during the week that 40 percent of the class sessions have been completed. In courses shorter than one week, students must choose credit/no credit before the first class session. **After the deadline, a student may not alter his or her choice.**
- 2.2.7.2 ~~The student shall not take this option in his or her declared major and shall have the choice of only one option per semester.~~ **A student may use the credit/no credit option for at most one course per semester.** At the close of the option period, ~~the student cannot alter his or her option.~~
- 2.2.7.3 ~~The grade of CR (credit) will be received for grades of A, B, and C. The grade of NC (no credit) will be received for grades D and F.~~ **For undergraduate students, the grade of CR (credit) will be received for grades of C- and above, and the grade of NC (no credit) will be received for grades of D+ and below. For graduate students, the grade of CR will be received for grades of C and above, and the grade of NC (no credit) will be received for grades of C- and below.**
- 2.2.7.4 The instructor will not be informed when a student has chosen this option, and will assign a conventional letter grade, which will then be converted by the University Registrar to CR or NC as appropriate.
- 2.2.7.5 Courses graded CR or NC will not count in computing grade point averages. Courses graded CR will be included in the total hours counted toward graduation; courses graded NC will not count as hours earned.
- 2.2.7.6 **No course graded CR or NC can count toward the satisfaction of the requirements for an undergraduate major or toward the satisfaction of the requirements for a graduate degree or a graduate certificate, except in the School of Law. Courses graded CR or NC may be taken in a student's undergraduate major or in a student's graduate program if the student does not need to count them toward the satisfaction of requirements.**
- 2.2.7.7 **The College, schools, departments, programs, and other academic units may establish degree requirements, major requirements, minor requirements, certificate requirements or other academic requirements requiring that the CR/NC grading option not be chosen for most or all of a student's courses.**

### **USRR 2.6.7 - Academic Misconduct Policy**

Rationale - SenEx added language to clarify that USRR 2.6.7 applies to academic misconduct D or F grades *received for the course as a whole*, but not to a reduction of grade on *specific work* that ultimately results in a D or F grade for the course. Both SenEx and the Academic Policies and Procedures Committee (AP&P) agree that a student who receives the lesser sanction of Reduction of Grade for Specific Work should be allowed to repeat the course per USRR 2.2.8.2. The complete academic misconduct policy in USRR Article II, Section 6 is in the KU Policy Library at <https://documents.ku.edu/policies/governance/USRR.htm#art2sect2>.

2.6.5 The following sanctions may be imposed upon a student or an instructor for academic misconduct:

- (1) Admonition: . . .
- (2) Warning: . . .
- (3) Censure: . . .

Other sanctions that may be imposed upon a student for academic misconduct are:

- (4) Reduction of Grade for specific work: . . .
- (5) Reduction of Grade for the Course: . . .
- (6) Exclusion from Activities: . . .
- (7) Transcript Citation for Academic Misconduct: . . .
- (8) Suspension from a specific course: . . .
- (9) Suspension: . . .
- (10) Expulsion: . . .

Other sanctions that may be imposed upon an instructor for academic misconduct are:

- Recommendation of Suspension: . . .
- Recommendation of Dismissal: . . .

More than one sanction may be imposed upon a student or an instructor for the same offense or offenses.

2.6.6 All sanctions of Reduction of Grade for Specific Work, Reduction of Grade for the Course, Exclusion from Activities, Transcript Citation for Academic Misconduct, Suspension from a Specific Course, Suspension, and Expulsion that are applied by the College and the Schools or their designated departments will be communicated to the Office of the Provost.

2.6.7 Students who receive a D or F in a course **as a result of a sanction of Reduction of Grade for the Course** due to a finding of academic misconduct by a unit, school, or Judicial Board hearing body may repeat the course but are not eligible for the grade-replacement provisions of USRR 2.2.8.

### **USRR 2.2.8 - Grade Replacement Policy in Repeat Courses.**

Rationale – SenEx added a phrase to USRR 2.2.8(2) to conform with new language in USRR 2.6.7.

2.2.8 If a student takes a course at KU, receives a D or F in the course, enrolls in and repeats the course at KU, the new grade may be used in place of the original grade for purpose of GPA calculation, subject to the limitations herein.

- 1) The course must be numbered 000-299 and have been taken in the Fall 2001 semester or thereafter. Classes taken from Fall 2001 through Summer 2007 must have been requested by the student during the semester as qualifying for the repeat policy. Beginning in Fall 2007, this policy automatically applies to classes that meet the criteria outlined in this section.
- 2) The grade of D or F cannot be the result of an academic misconduct ~~determination~~

**sanction of "Reduction of Grade for the Course."**

- 3) The grade recalculation will happen by default.
- 4) The original grade will remain on the transcript, although it will not be used to calculate the GPA.
- 5) Students may have a grade replaced no more than five times, meaning a student may retake five courses, or a course five times, or any combination thereof. Multiple retakes of a course are discouraged, but not explicitly prohibited. The time and date of registration of the second (repeat) enrollment will be used to determine the limit of five repeat courses for grade replacement.