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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 25, 2019

**TO:** Dr. Andrew Klein  
Speaker, Faculty Senate

**FROM:** Dr. Anne Reber  
Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rules

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Attached please find proposed revision to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee. This change is for the following rule:

Changes to **Student Rule 10.4.2**

**Approved by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee on October 4, 2019.**  
**Approved by the Faculty Senate Committee on November 11, 2019.**  
**Approved by the President on November 21, 2019.**

**PROPOSAL**

**Rule 10.4.2** Only grades of A, B, C and S are acceptable for graduate credit. Grades of D, F or Unsatisfactory (U) for courses on the degree plan must be absolved by repeating the courses and achieving grades of C or above or Satisfactory (S). If a course has been taken more than once and a grade of D or F was earned and then repeated for a grade of C or higher, the original grades of D or F will be excluded from the GPA calculation for the degree plan (if applicable) and cumulative GPA, but remain on the student's permanent record.

A course in which the final grade is C may be repeated for a higher grade. If the second grade is higher, the original grade will be excluded from the GPA calculation for the degree plan (if applicable) and cumulative GPA, but remain on the student's permanent record.

Repeat grades and cumulative GPA for financial aid programs may differ from those listed above, based on the type of aid.

Rules related to F\* grades and repeat courses may be found in Student Rule 20 under Sanctions.

**JUSTIFICATION**

Language is being added to 10.4.2 to articulate what happens when a graduate student repeats a course for a higher grade. The processes described are currently in practice, but not documented clearly for students to understand.

Per discussions held at recent Rules and Regulations meetings, language has been added regarding financial aid practices (provided by Delisa Falks) and F\* grade policies (in consultation with Tim Powers)

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(Additions to rules are bolded and in red font, deletions to rules are indicated by strikethrough.)

10.4 Passing grades for graduate students are A, B, C and S.

10.4.1 Grades of S or U may be assigned in certain officially designated courses. Graduate courses on the degree plan may not be taken on an S/U basis, except for courses bearing the numbers 681, 684, 690, 691, 692, 693, 695, 697, 791, or unless otherwise noted in the catalog. Graduate courses not on the degree plan may be taken on an S/U basis.

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10.4.3 Graduate students must maintain a grade point (GPA) of 3.00 (B average based on a 4.00 scale) for all courses which are listed on the degree plan and for all graded graduate and advanced undergraduate coursework (300- and 400-level) completed at Texas A&M and eligible to be applied toward a graduate degree. Those involving grades of W-drop (W), Satisfactory (S), Unsatisfactory (U) and Q-drop (Q) shall be excluded.

If either of a student's cumulative GPA or the GPA for courses listed on the degree plan falls below the minimum of 3.00, he or she will be considered to be scholastically deficient. If the minimum GPA is not attained in a reasonable length of time, the student may be dropped from graduate studies. The procedures for dismissal are explained in the Texas A&M University

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Student Rules, Scholastic Deficiency/Probation, rule 12. Departments or colleges may adopt specific guidelines pertaining to scholastic deficiency or dismissal.

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