

Academic Council Decisions of 2021 – Reminders

January:

Starting in Spring 2021, in addition to regular course enrollments and audits, students are allowed to **participate** in face-to-face and online courses they have **not enrolled in**, in order to give them the opportunity to participate in topics they are interested in. Students will be able to access the course link **only for the live sessions**.

The University has also introduced a “restricted audit” option that allows students to access the course’s Blackboard page and previous recordings. Students enrolled using the “restricted audit” option will not be responsible for coursework and no information will be reflected in their transcript.

February:

Students who have completed four years in undergraduate programs excluding semesters with a leave of absence*, but who have not yet attempted all courses in the curriculum, will be exempt from taking a pre-requisite course, if such a course is listed, for the course they plan to enroll in.

*A one-semester or longer disciplinary suspension is also considered a leave of absence.

Note the waiving of pre-requisites will be centrally managed by the Registrar and Student Affairs.

April:

- 1) Course evaluation results are now accessible to students.
- 2) “S” – Satisfactory grades obtained between Spring 2020 - Spring 2021, both terms included, may compensate previously taken “F” grades.

June:

- 1) The following rules have been approved in the determination of students to be ranked for graduation.
 - 1.1. Students who have graduated from their major and not double major program:
 - a) A student can be included in the University ranking only once.
 - b) A student can be included in the College ranking only once. (For example, a student who has been ranked second in 2020 from CE, he/she cannot be ranked 1st again in 2021 if the student has a double major in CE. However, if the first major is in CE and the double major is in CASE, then the student can be ranked in the CASE College ranking.)

1.2.For “S” grades in the transcript, the corresponding original letter grades are to be used in the calculation of graduation ranking.

1.3.For “T” transfer grades, the corresponding original letter grades are to be used in the calculation of graduation ranking. Students with an academic disciplinary penalty cannot be included in graduation rankings.

- 2) The proposal to apply the following rules regarding the recording of the courses, access of the students to these recordings and editing of the recordings has been accepted.

As a student-oriented practice that supports access to learning and supports effective learning, it is essential that students enrolled in the courses can attend all classes offered online/remotely, and that their online/remote or classroom courses can be recorded. Faculty members can make edits, corrections and changes in course recordings to support learning and teaching. It is imperative that such arrangements, corrections and changes are made in a way that preserves the integrity of the course, does not differentiate the experiences and knowledge levels of those who take the course in the classroom and those who take it remotely, and do not affect the success of the exam. In terms of course recordings, academic freedom of expression, privacy, protection of personal data and safeguards related to personal rights are essential.

Students' right to access recordings of the courses they are enrolled in, including the equivalent and current recordings of relevant courses, begins from the semester they take the course until the date they graduate.

- 3) It was accepted that students could request retroactive S/U grade changes for Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring and Summer 2021 semesters.

July:

Students can choose to switch to the audit option for courses they are enrolled for credit **on the 12th week of the semester** with the instructor's approval by writing a petition to the Registrar and Student Affairs. Students no longer need to write a petition to the University Executive Council.

August:

Course Repeat Rules

Repeat Type	Course Type	GPA Calculation Methodology
Retaking the same course	Required Area/ Common Core/ Area elective/ General Elective	Only the highest grade is included in GPA. If both grades are F, the old F grade is excluded from GPA, only the new F grade affects the GPA.

Compensating an F graded course with a different coded course with a passing grade	Common Core	Regardless of whether the passing grade or the F grade was obtained first, only the passing grade is included in GPA.
Compensating a passing graded course with a different coded course with a passing grade	Common Core	<p>Students who want to compensate a passing grade with a higher graded course in a core group must submit a petition to the Registrar's and Student Affairs Directorate.</p> <p>If there are two passing grades included in GPA in the same core group, one of the courses is considered as a general elective.</p>
Compensating an F graded course with a different F graded course	Common Core	The new F grade is included in GPA, the old F grade is excluded from GPA.
Compensating an F graded course with a different coded course with a passing grade	Area elective/ General Elective	Regardless of whether the passing grade or the F grade was obtained first, only the passing grade is included in GPA.
Compensating a passing grade course with a different coded course with a passing grade	Area elective/ General Elective	Both grades are included in GPA. If the student submits a petition for only the high grade to be included, the lower grade is excluded from GPA.
Taking two different coded courses with F grades	Area elective/ General Elective	Both grades are included in GPA.