

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

West Virginia State University

BOG Policy #24

Title: Grade-Point Averages for Associate and Baccalaureate Degrees

Section 1. General

1.1 Scope: The policy establishes the grade-point averages required for associate and baccalaureate degrees at West Virginia State University (WVSU).

1.2 Authority: West Virginia Codes §18B-1-6 and 18B-1-8.

1.3 Effective: May 8, 2006

Section 2. Grade-point Average Required for Graduation

2.1 Quality points are based on the following point values for each semester hour of credit: "A" - 4, "B" - 3; "C" - 2; "D" - 1 and "F" - 0;

2.2 The grade point average to be computed for graduation purposes (not necessarily each semester) shall be based upon all work for which the student has registered with the following exceptions:

2.2.1 Courses with grades of "W" and "WP";

2.2.2 Courses in remedial and/or developmental education;

2.2.3 Courses taken on a credit/no credit, pass/fail or satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis where a passing grade is earned.

2.2.4 Courses taken on an audit basis;

2.2.5 Courses which have been repeated under the "D/F Repeat Provisions" of this policy;

2.2.6 Courses which are covered under the "Discretionary Academic Forgiveness Provisions" of this policy.

Section 3. D and F Repeat Provisions

3.1 If a student earns a grade of "D" or "F" (including failures due to regular and/or irregular withdrawal) for any course taken no later than the semester or summer term during which the student attempts the sixtieth (60th) semester hour, and if that student repeats this course prior to the receipt of a baccalaureate degree,

the original grade shall be disregarded and the grade or grades earned when the course is repeated shall be used in determining his/her grade-point average. The original grade shall not be deleted from the student's record.

Section 4. Discretionary Academic Forgiveness Provisions

4.1 The provisions included herein shall be considered as minimum standards for extending academic forgiveness provisions;

4.2.1 Consistent with its policies and mission, the either institution may impose more stringent provisions in the area of disregarding prior grades for grade-point average computation for graduation.

4.2 The institutional catalog will contain the policies regarding academic forgiveness for grade-point average computation;

4.2.1 In addition to providing information on the manner in which such provisions may be applied at the institution, the catalog and/or such other publications as are appropriate shall inform students that academic forgiveness extended by WVSU may or may not be recognized by other institutions to which the student may transfer.

Section 5. Application Only to Graduation Requirements

5.1 Administrators of the institution shall make it clear to students that this regulation pertains only to graduation requirements and not to such requirements for professional certification which may be within the province of licensure boards, external agencies, or the West Virginia Board of Education.

Section 6. Compatibility with Other Policies

6.1 Nothing in this policy shall interfere with provisions of BOG #23 - Student Rights and Responsibilities.