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First/Second Semester Grading Policy – FIQWS guide - Effective Starting Fall 20

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| If a student | He/She should | Outcome |
| Fails both topic and composition section of FIQWS | Receive NC grades for each (converted by the Registrar). Take ENGL 110 and other Gen Ed courses including a course in the same Pathways category as FIQWS topic | An NC will not count toward courses completed and will not affect GPA.Student will not receive Pathways credit for NC courses. |
| Passes topic but fails composition section of FIQWS | Receive NC grade in composition (converted by the Registrar). Take ENGL 110 for composition credit. | An NC will not count toward courses completed and will not affect GPA.Student will not receive Pathways credit for the NC course (composition). The NC will count towards determining the number of limited repeats students are allowed for each course. |
| Fails topic but passes composition section of FIQWS | Receive NC grade in topic section (converted by the Registrar). Take another Gen Ed course in the same category for Pathways credit. | An NC will not count toward courses completed and will not affect GPA.Student will not receive Pathways credit for the NC course (topic) and can retake any course in the category for Pathways credit.  |

Students should be aware that a freshman must earn at least 6 credits in the first semester with an overall GPA of 1.5 and at least 15 credits by the end of the second semester with an overall GPA of 1.8 or their financial aid may be affected.

Prior to Fall 20 – Guidelines for Repeating FIQWS under Pathways

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| If a student | He/She should | Outcome |
| Fails both topic and composition section of FIQWS | Retake FIQWS, both sections (same number/category as before); apply for F repeat | If grade of C or better is earned, it will replace the old grade in the calculation of the overall GPA; the F will remain on the transcript. If a grade below C is earned (C-, D, or F), the F repeat policy will not apply; both old and new grades will be calculated in the GPA. |
| Passes topic but fails composition section of FIQWS | Take ENGL 110 | If grade of C or better is earned, it will replace the old grade in the calculation of the overall GPA; the F will remain on the transcript. If a grade below C is earned (C-, D, or F), the F repeat policy will not apply; both old and new grades will be calculated in the GPA. |
| Fails topic but passes composition section of FIQWS | Either: (1) Continue taking Gen Ed courses including a course in the same Pathways category as FIQWS *(recommended)*Or: (2) Retake FIQWS, both sections (same number/ category as before); apply for F repeat | (1) FIQWS grades attained remain on the transcript. (2) If grade of C or better is earned in topic, it will replace the old grade in the calculation of the overall GPA; the F will remain on the transcript. If a grade below C is earned (C-, D, or F), the F repeat policy will not apply; both old and new grades will be calculated in the GPA. Financial aid will not cover the composition section repeat; the old grade and the new grade in composition section will be averaged. |

Fall 2020 FIQWS W Grades

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| If a student | He/She should | Outcome |
| Is about to fail both topic and composition section of FIQWS | Apply for W in both sections during the final week of classes. Take ENGL 110 and other Gen Ed courses including a course in the same Pathways category as FIQWS topic | W grades will not count toward courses completed and will not affect GPA.Student will not receive Pathways credit for W courses. |
| Is about to pass topic but fail composition section of FIQWS | Apply for W grade in composition during the final week of classes. Take ENGL 110 for composition credit. | A W will not count toward courses completed and will not affect GPA.Student will not receive Pathways credit for the W course (composition). The W will not count towards determining the number of limited repeats students are allowed for each course. |
| Is about to fail topic and pass composition section of FIQWS | Apply for W grade in topic section during the final week of classes.Take another Gen Ed course in the same category for Pathways credit. | A W will not count toward courses completed and will not affect GPA.Student will not receive Pathways credit for the W course (topic) and can retake any course in the category for Pathways credit.  |

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