

The Truth about Grade Replacement Opportunity (GRO)

Read this before applying for a GRO!

1. **How much will a GRO impact my GPA?** Use the [GRO-GPA Calculator](#) to see your adjusted GPA, after you use GRO to retake a course. Keep in mind that the more credits you attempt at the UA, the less impact one GRO will have on your cumulative or graduation GPA. For example, if you have a GPA of 2.50 with 100 completed UA credits, replacing a C with a B in a 3-credit course will improve your GPA only to a 2.53.
2. **Alert:** In many cases, students earn the same or even a lower grade when attempting a GRO. Even if you earn a lower grade on the second attempt, that grade will be used.
3. **Will a GRO help me achieve my goals?**

No, in the long-term, if your reason for taking a GRO is:

- To significantly raise your cumulative GPA when you've already attempted 60+ units at the UA.
- To get off academic probation—back in good academic standing—after you've attempted 60+ units at the UA (i.e., classified as a junior or senior).
- To meet admission requirements for law school, medical school, or most graduate programs. When you apply for a professional or graduate program, your GPA will probably be recalculated using ALL repeated courses, including GROs. In other words, the professional/graduate school will likely disregard all GROs.
- To “clean up” your transcript. On the contrary--classes taken for GRO are actually highlighted on your official transcript! Your original class grade is NOT replaced or removed from your transcript, although the UA ignores the first grade for GPA purposes. Here's what a GRO looks like on a transcript (without shading):

Fall 2003						
Course		Description	AHRS	EHRS	Grade	Points
CHEM	103A	Fundamentals of Chem	3.000	3.000	B	9.000
CHEM	104A	Fundamental Tech of Chem	1.000	1.000	B	3.000
ENGL	101	First-Year Composition	3.000	3.000	A	12.000
ENGR	102	Intro to Engineering	3.000	3.000	B	9.000
Math	124	Calculus I With Apps	5.000	5.000	D	0.000
Repeated:		Grade Replacement Opportunity				
Term GPA	3.300		AHRS 15.000	EHRS 15.000	QHRS 10.000	Points 33.000
Cum GPA	3.563		AHRS 21.000	EHRS 21.000	QHRS 16.000	Points 57.000
Spring 2004						
Course		Description	AHRS	EHRS	Grade	Points
ECE	175	Cmptr Prog Engr Appl	3.000	3.000	B	9.000
ENGL	102	First-Year Composition	3.000	3.000	A	12.000
MATH	124	Calculus I With Apps	5.000	5.000	C	10.000
MSE	110	Solid State Chemistry	4.000	4.000	B	12.000
TAR	103	Theatre Appreciation	3.000	3.000	A	12.000
Term GPA	3.056		AHRS 18.000	EHRS 18.000	QHRS 18.000	Points 55.000
Cum GPA	3.294		AHRS 39.000	EHRS 39.000	QHRS 34.000	Points 112.000

Yes - perhaps (in the short-term) if your reason for taking a GRO is:

- To raise your GPA for the semester when you earned a D or E grade.
- To get off academic probation—back in good academic standing—when you've attempted fewer than 60 units at the UA (i.e., classified as a freshman, sophomore, or first-year transfer student).
- To meet admission requirements for your UA degree program (e.g., to advance from a pre-major to the professional program).
- To meet advance standing requirements for your college (e.g., to enroll in upper division classes in your degree program).

Please read the GRO Policy in your General Catalog.

[\[http://catalog.arizona.edu/2009-10/policies/gro2.htm\]](http://catalog.arizona.edu/2009-10/policies/gro2.htm).

If you still have questions about GRO, please consult your [academic advisor](#).