

## The Truth about Grade Replacement Opportunity (GRO)

### Read this before applying for a GRO!

1. **How much will a GRO impact my GPA?** Keep in mind that the more credits you earn 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 earned 60+ units at the UA.
- To get off academic probation—back in good academic standing—after you've earned 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 2013						
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					
<b>Term GPA</b>	3.300	<u>AHRS</u>	<u>EHRS</u>	<u>QHRS</u>	<u>Points</u>	
		15.000	15.000	10.000	33.000	
<b>Cum GPA</b>	3.563	<u>AHRS</u>	<u>EHRS</u>	<u>QHRS</u>	<u>Points</u>	
		21.000	21.000	16.000	57.000	
Spring 2014						
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	
<b>Term GPA</b>	3.056	<u>AHRS</u>	<u>EHRS</u>	<u>QHRS</u>	<u>Points</u>	
		18.000	18.000	18.000	55.000	
<b>Cum GPA</b>	3.294	<u>AHRS</u>	<u>EHRS</u>	<u>QHRS</u>	<u>Points</u>	
		39.000	39.000	34.000	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 earned 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.**

[\[http://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/grade-replacement-opportunity-gro\]](http://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/grade-replacement-opportunity-gro).

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