

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 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	EHRS	QHRS	Points	
		15.000	15.000	10.000	33.000	
Cum GPA	3.563	AHRS	EHRS	QHRS	Points	
		21.000	21.000	16.000	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	EHRS	QHRS	Points	
		18.000	18.000	18.000	55.000	
Cum GPA	3.294	AHRS	EHRS	QHRS	Points	
		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 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/allcats.html>].

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