

Course and Grade Limitations

The Opus College of Engineering has established the following policies regarding grades, the use of the Course Repeat option, and the useful lifetime of courses.

Limit on the Use of Course Repeat Option

The Opus College of Engineering endorses the use of the Course Repeat Option as a means to improve students' GPA but limits its use to a maximum of five instances per student during the engineering program. Due to federal regulations students may repeat a course in which a passing grade has been earned only once to improve the grade. CheckMarq automatically checks to see if students are repeating a course. If students attempt to enroll in a course that would exceed the federal limit, CheckMarq restricts them from enrolling. Students may submit the Repeat Course Permission for Undergraduate Students form located in Forms-Academic section of the Marquette Central academic forms website (<https://www.marquette.edu/central/registrar/forms.php>) if the repeat is in compliance with the University Repeat Policy (<https://bulletin.marquette.edu/policies/repeated-courses/undergraduate/>).

Limit on the Number of ADW, W, UW, WA and WF Grades Students can Receive in All Courses

Students are allowed to earn a maximum of five grades of W and a maximum of three grades of ADW, UW, WA and/or WF.

Limit on the Number of Grades of F or WF Which can Appear on Students' Transcripts

Students are allowed to earn a maximum of five grades of F or WF during their engineering program. Grades of F or WF which are subsequently replaced by the use of the Course Repeat Option count toward this total. Thus, a maximum of five F or WF grades can appear on students' transcripts (whether or not they enter into the calculation of the GPA). However, the maximum F or WF grades allowed for a single course is three.

Statute of Limitation on Opus College of Engineering Courses

Due to the rapidly developing nature of all engineering disciplines, the technical content of an engineering course has a finite lifetime after which the material may become outdated and no longer serve as a foundation for a current engineering degree nor as an appropriate prerequisite for advanced courses. With this in mind, the Opus College of Engineering places a statute of limitations of no more than eight years on all Opus College of Engineering courses. In many cases, it may be deemed by the appropriate department that certain courses have a lifetime well below the eight-year maximum.

The implication of this statute of limitations for engineering courses is for students who have been out of school for an extended period-of-time and wish to reapply to Marquette to finish their degree program and for students who have been studying on a part-time basis and whose program has extended over many years. Courses that have exceeded the statute of limitations need to be repeated, subject to the Course Repeat policy.

Exceptions and/or Allowances

As with all policies and procedures the aim is to help provide the structure needed by some students to complete their engineering degree programs in a timely manner and to maintain the quality of our programs by awarding degrees to only those students whom we would be proud to proclaim as Marquette Engineering graduates.