

CS15 Retake Policy Fall 2019

1 Introduction

If you receive an NC in CS15 or drop the course after handing in the project DoodleJump, you may choose to retake the course under this policy the following fall. This means that you cannot retake the course 2 years after you initially took it; it must be the subsequent year. Note that if you drop the course at any point throughout the semester, you can re-enroll into CS15 in any subsequent semester and take the class as you would normally. However, you will be treated as any other student taking the course for the first time, rather than as a “retaker.” The advantages of being treated as a “retaker” are described in the following policy. You will need to follow different instructions depending on which of the following two situations applies to you:

1. You turned in a Final Project that did not meet minimum functionality, so you received an NC in the course, but met minimum functionality (MF) on all other programming assignments.
2. The first situation does not apply to you. A few examples include, but are not limited to:
 - a. You met MF on the Final Project, but did not meet MF on Tetris.
 - b. You dropped the course in early December which was after Tetris, but before the Final Project.
 - c. You met MF on the Final Project, but received an NC in the course because you never handed in a functional version of DoodleJump.

Situation 1 Students

If the final project is the only assignment which you must redo, you may choose not to re-enroll in Banner, which excuses you from needing to complete any new assignments added to the course. However, you may not re-submit any other assignments or sections. Your final grade will be determined using your new final project score, your grades from the previous year, and the previous year’s grading distribution. You must contact the HTAs by the add/drop deadline to receive the assignment materials (help session, handout, .jar) from the previous year. In this case, your grade from last year will be changed retroactively.

If you wish to re-submit other assignments or sections, you must re-enroll on Banner. Note that if you choose this route, the previous paragraph no longer applies with regards to calculation of your final grade. Once you re-enroll on Banner, you are effectively treated as a “Situation 2 student,” so read the next section for information on how to proceed.

Situation 2 Students

You must re-register for the course on Banner, and the registrar will count CS15 as one of your courses for the semester. Any assignments you re-submit must be completed using the version of Java, graphics library, and any support code used in the latest iteration of the course. You will be required to re-submit all programming assignments on which you did not meet MF. You must submit any new assignments which exist in the latest iteration of the course. When working on and submitting projects, you must follow the latest semester’s schedule and abide by those deadlines.

All other grades—such as those for homework assignments, or projects that you do not have to re-submit—will be carried over from the previous year. For sections, you can choose either to carry over your previous lab grades or to completely start over and re-complete all sections, including those you had completed during your previous enrollment. If you choose to re-submit assignments that you are not obligated to redo, they will be graded, and the new grade will take precedence over the old one. For the assignments you do not re-submit, the old grade will get carried over from the previous year.

Your grade in the course will be determined using the current year’s course policies and grade distributions, not the previous year’s. Upon completing the course, your external transcript will only show your new grade for the latest semester, but your previous NC will stand for internal records.

4 All Students

If you have any questions about the policy, do not hesitate to email the HTAs to ask. If you decide to retake the course, you must email the HTAs for the semester in which you’re retaking the course stating your intention to retake the course. Important: No matter which of the above sections applies to you, if you are re-submitting the final

project, you must choose a different final project than the one you had selected¹ previously. You must complete a design discussion in addition to submitting the final project.

¹ We consider “selected a final project” to mean “have completed a design discussion for and/or submitted a final project.” So, if you completed a design discussion for a final project, but then dropped the course before submitting the code, you still need to pick a different final project to complete when you retake the course.