

Software-Based Credit Recovery/Retrieval Programs

Your school or district may use a software program to offer credit recovery, grade forgiveness or other retrieval courses. Please remember that such courses must be substantially comparable, qualitatively and quantitatively (e.g., content, textbook, assessments, duration), to the course in the mainstream or regular curriculum. It is also important to note that your school's policies for such courses must be followed consistently for both athletes and nonathletes.

For example, if a student is permitted to test out of portions of a repeated course, is exempted from certain modules, or is allowed to finish the course in an abbreviated timeframe, such a course would not be acceptable for NCAA use. Courses like these may meet high school graduation requirements; however, they would not meet NCAA legislated standards.

Additionally, software-based credit recovery courses must also meet NCAA nontraditional coursework legislation. To read more about this legislation and its requirements, please refer to the other documents under the "Online, Virtual and Nontraditional Courses" tab.