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Student Academic Appeals Policy for Course Substitution Request

The procedure for requesting a course substitution for a requirement is as follows:

- 1. The Student must first be registered with Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC). To register, refer to the Registration Process.
- 2. The Student submits a request to the SARC Academic Appeals Committee (Committee) to substitute a course in the discipline in which the Student has a documented disability. The request goes to the SARC office in DSU, Room 1074.
- 3. The Student must provide the Committee with disability documentation from a qualified professional who confirms the disability diagnosis and gives supporting evidence for the need for a course substitution.
- 4. The Student should include 1.) information regarding any previous attempts to complete the course in question; 2.) documentation of reasonable accommodation(s) requested by the Student; and 3.) if the Student was diligent in using the resources.
- 5. The Committee evaluates the request and supporting documentation to determine if the disability warrants the substitution of a course for the degree requirement.

If the Committee agrees that a substitution is warranted...

- 6. The Committee will determine, in a consultation with the Student, a specific course to substitute the degree requirement that meets the intent of the category.
- 7. If the course is required for a major/minor, the chair of the Committee will consult with the respective department head and dean of the Student's major/minor for agreement to use the course substitution.
- 8. The Student ADA Compliance Officer of SARC will forward the actions of the Committee to the Registrar to amend the Student's degree requirements.
- 9. The Registrar will notify the Student of the agreement to substitute the requested alternate course.

If the Committee denies the request...

- The Student can petition the decision to the Student ADA Compliance Officer.
- If the Student believes they have been discriminated against on the basis of their disability, the Student may file a grievance complaint with the Student ADA Compliance Officer. To file a complaint, refer to the Student Grievance Procedure.

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