AP 4228 COURSE REPETITION – SIGNIFICANT LAPSE OF TIME

Reference:
Title 5 Section 55040, 55043, and 55045

Students may be permitted or required to repeat courses in which a “C” or higher grade, “CR or “P” was earned where there was a significant lapse of time of three or more years not less than 36 months since the grade was earned and either under the following circumstances:

1. Three or more years have elapsed since successfully completing the course. The student’s previous passing grade was, at least in part, the result of extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illness, flood, fire, member of the military who have been called in for active duty, or other circumstances beyond the control of the student. All supporting documents must be attached to the petition at the time of submission to the office of Admissions and Records.

2. An institution of higher education to which a student seeks to transfer has established a recency requirement that the student cannot satisfy without repeating the course. When course repetition is necessary for transfer to an institution of higher education, the student may be allowed to repeat the course where less than three years have elapsed.

When a student needs to repeat an activity course due to a significant lapse of time, each repetition attempt will be counted toward the established repetition limits. However, if a student has already exhausted the number of permitted repetitions, then one additional repetition due to significant lapse of time may be permitted or required by the District. (Now referenced in AP 4227)

Under these provisions with an approved petition:

- With an approved petition, students must wait one week after the start of new and returning student registration to register for the course.

- Students petitioning to repeat for number 1 above, must submit verifiable documentation with the petition.

- Students requesting to repeat for number 2 or 3 above, are only allowed one repeat for each course: and all verifiable A Student requesting an exception to the 36 month lapse of time
requirement must submit documentations from the transfer institution must be attached to the petition at the time of submission to the Office of Admissions and Records that supports the additional enrollment in the course completed less than 36 months is necessary for transfer.

- When a course is repeated due to a significant lapse of time, the previous grade and units will be disregarded and the current grade will be used when computing a student’s cumulative grade point average (GPA).

- Students receiving a substandard grade (grades below “C,” “FW,” “NC,” and “NP,” or the “W” symbol) in the repeated course may not petition to alleviate the substandard grade under Course Repetition-Non Repeatable Courses (AP 4225).

Annotating the permanent academic record shall be done in a manner that all work remains legible, insuring a true and complete academic history.

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NOTE:

Based on Title 5 changes as of 8/6/13, the information in purple, green and pink is recommended by ASC. The legal language in red is recommended by the Dean of Enrollment Services. The language in blue is recommended by the AS. The language in brown is recommended by Jane Wright from the Policy and Procedure Services on 11/20/13.
Additional Legal Revisions

5 CCR § 55040
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55040

Title 5. Education
Division 6. California Community Colleges
Chapter 6. Curriculum and Instruction
Subchapter 1. Programs, Courses and Classes
Article 4. Course Repetition and Academic Renewal
§ 55040. District Policy for Course Repetition.

(a) The governing board of each community college district shall adopt and publish policies and procedures pertaining to the repetition of credit courses. Such policies and procedures shall not conflict with section 55025 or Education Code section 76224, pertaining to the finality of grades assigned by instructors, or with subchapter 2.5 (commencing with section 59020) of chapter 10 of this division, pertaining to the retention and destruction of student records.

(b) The policies and procedures adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) may,

(1) designate certain types of courses as “repeatable courses” consistent with the requirements of section 55041.

(2) permit a student to repeat a course in an effort to alleviate substandard academic work consistent with the requirements of section 55042.

(3) permit or require a student to repeat a course due to significant lapse of time consistent with the requirements of section 55043.

(4) permit a student to repeat a portion of a course, other than a physical education, visual arts, or performing arts course, offered for variable units on an open-entry/open-exit basis which the student previously completed only under the circumstances described in section 55044.

(5) permit a student to repeat a course which is not designated as a repeatable course, regardless of whether substandard academic work was previously recorded, where the district determines, consistent with section 55045, that there are extenuating circumstances which justify the repetition.

(6) permit a student to repeat a course in occupational work experience under the circumstances described in section 55253. When an occupational work experience course is repeated pursuant to that section, the grade received each time shall be included for purposes of calculating the student's grade point average.

(7) permit a student with a disability to repeat a special class for students with disabilities any number of times based on an individualized determination that such repetition is required as a disability-related accommodation for that particular student for one of the reasons specified in section 56029. The district policy may allow the previous grade and credit to be disregarded in computing the student’s GPA each time the course is repeated.

(8) permit a student to repeat a course determined to be legally mandated as defined in section 55000, regardless of whether substandard academic work has been recorded. Such courses may be repeated for credit any number of times. The governing board of a district may establish policies and procedures requiring students to certify or document that course repetition is legally mandated.
(9) permit a student to petition the district to repeat a course as a result of a significant change in industry or licensure standards such that repetition of the course is necessary for employment or licensure. Such courses may be repeated for credit any number of times. The governing board of the district may establish policies and procedures requiring students to certify or document that there has been a significant change in industry or licensure standards necessitating course repetition.

(c) The policies and procedures adopted by the governing board of each community college district pursuant to subdivision (a) may not permit student enrollment in active participatory courses, as defined in section 55000, in physical education, visual arts or performing arts that are related in content, as defined in section 55000, more than four times for semester courses or six times for quarter courses. This limitation applies even if a student receives a substandard grade or “W” during one or more of the enrollments in such a course or petitions for repetition due to extenuating circumstances as provided in section 55045.

(d) When course repetition occurs pursuant to this section, the student's permanent academic record shall clearly indicate any courses repeated using an appropriate symbol and be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible, insuring a true and complete academic history.

(e) Notwithstanding the limits set forth above, apportionment will be limited as set forth in section 58161.


HISTORY

1. New article 4 (sections 55040-55043) and section filed 7-17-2007; operative 8-16-2007. Submitted to OAL for printing only pursuant to Education Code section 70901.5 (Register 2007, No. 35).


3. Amendment of subsections (a), (b)(1) and (c)(2) filed 9-29-2009; operative 10-29-2009. Submitted to OAL for printing only pursuant to Education Code section 70901.5 (Register 2009, No. 43).

4. Amendment of subsections (c)(1)-(5) and new subsection (e) filed 9-12-2011; operative 10-12-2011. Submitted to OAL for printing only pursuant to Education Code section 70901.5 (Register 2011, No. 37).

5. Repealer of subsections (b)-(b)(2), subsection relettering, amendment of newly designated subsections (b), (b)(2) and (b)(5) and new subsections (b)(8)-(c) filed 12-27-2012; operative 1-26-2013. Submitted to OAL for printing only pursuant to Education Code section 70901.5 (Register 2013, No. 1).

6. Amendment of subsection (b)(4) filed 8-6-2013; operative 9-5-2013. Submitted to OAL for printing only pursuant to Education Code section 70901.5 (Register 2013, No. 32).
§ 55043. Course Repetition Due to Significant Lapse of Time.

(a) In addition to permitting course repetition in the circumstances described in other provisions of this article, a district may also permit or require repetition of a course where the student received a satisfactory grade the last time he or she took the course but the district determines that there has been a significant lapse of time of no less than 36 months since that grade was obtained and:

(1) the district has properly established a recency prerequisite for a course or program pursuant to section 55003. or

(2) another institution of higher education to which the student seeks to transfer has established a recency requirement which the student will not be able to satisfy without repeating the course in question. Pursuant to petition, a district may allow repetition where less than 36 months have elapsed pursuant to this subdivision if the student documents the repetition is necessary for the student’s transfer to the institution of higher education.

(b) If the district determines that a student needs to repeat an active participatory experience course, as defined in section 55000, in physical education or visual or performing arts, or an active participatory experience course that is related in content, as defined in section 55000, due to significant lapse of time, that repetition shall be counted in applying the limit on repetitions set forth in section 55040(c) except that, if the student has already exhausted the number of repetitions permitted under subdivision (c), an additional repetition due to significant lapse of time may be permitted or required by the district.

(c) When a course is repeated pursuant to this section, the district policy may allow the previous grade and credit to be disregarded in computing the student’s GPA.