AP 4240  ACADEMIC RENEWAL

References:
Title 5 Section 55044 and 55046

Academic renewal provides students with an opportunity to reverse the negative impact of past academic failures at College of Marin without course repetition. Academic renewal may only be requested once at any California Community College in accordance with state regulation. Academic renewal is not automatic. Academic renewal actions are irreversible.

All course work granted academic renewal status shall not be computed in the student's grade point average or non-progress grade percentage and this shall be noted on the student's permanent record.

All work shall remain legible to assure a true and complete academic history. The Admissions and Records Office shall maintain a record of action taken under academic renewal.

Academic renewal does not guarantee that other institutions outside the District will approve such action. This determination will be made by the respective transfer institution.

Specific courses and/or categories of courses that are exempt from academic renewal will be described in the current College Catalog.

Academic renewal procedures may not conflict with the District’s obligation to retain and destroy records or with the instructor's ability to determine a student's final grade.

Students may file a petition at the Admissions and Records Office to have their academic record reviewed for academic renewal of substandard academic performance under the following conditions:

1. Students must have completed 24 units at a satisfactory level (minimum 2.00 grade point average (GPA) or achieved a 3.00 grade point average (GPA) in 12 letter-graded units or a 2.00 GPA in 24 units subsequent to the coursework to be alleviated; work from other colleges with recognized accreditation may be considered.

2. A maximum of 24 units of substandard course work may be eliminated from consideration in the cumulative grade point average. Substandard grades are any grades lower than a “C”, “CR”, or “Pass”.

3. At least one year must have elapsed from the time the substandard course work to be removed was completed.

4. Students' most recent semesters utilized to demonstrate that the substandard work is not a reflection of the student's ability must not include "D", "F", "I", "NC," or "NP" grades. (Semesters with lined out “D”, “F”, “NC,” and “NP” grades do not count toward Academic Renewal.)

5. Course used to demonstrate improved academic ability cannot be all physical activity courses.
(a) If a community college district offers credit courses for variable units on an open-entry/open-exit basis pursuant to section 58164, the district policies and procedures on course repetition adopted pursuant to section 55040 shall provide that a student may enroll in the course as many times as necessary to complete one time the entire curriculum of the course as described in the course outline of record. However, the district policy may not permit the student to repeat any portion of the curriculum for the course, unless:

(1) the course is required for legally mandated training;

(2) the course is a special class for students with disabilities which the student needs to repeat for one of the reasons described in section 56029;

(3) repetition of the course to retake a portion of the curriculum is justified by extenuating circumstances pursuant to section 55045; or

(4) the student wishes to repeat the course to alleviate substandard work recorded for a portion of the curriculum as authorized pursuant to section 55042.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), each time a student enrolls in a physical education activity course offered on an open entry/open exit basis, regardless of the number of units for which the student enrolls, the enrollment shall count as a repetition of the course for purposes of sections 55041 and 58161.

(c) When course repetition of a portion of a course is permitted under the circumstances described in subdivision (a), the district policy may allow the previous grade and credit to be disregarded in computing the student's GPA.


HISTORY

1. New 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).

§ 55046. Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition.

(a) The governing board of each community college district shall adopt and publish policies and procedures pertaining to the alleviation of previously recorded substandard academic work, as defined in section 55040, which is not reflective of a student’s demonstrated ability. Such policies and procedures shall include a clear statement of the educational principles upon which they are based, and shall be referred to as academic renewal procedures. When academic renewal procedures adopted by the district permit previously recorded, substandard course work to be disregarded in the computation of grade point averages, the permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible, insuring a true and complete academic history.

(b) Policies and procedures adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall not conflict with:

(1) section 55025 of this subchapter and Education Code section 76224, pertaining to the finality of grades assigned by instructors; or

(2) chapter 2.5 (commencing with section 59020) of division 10 of this part pertaining to the retention and destruction of records.

(c) The policies and procedures adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall address all of the following:

(1) The maximum amount of coursework that may be alleviated;

(2) The amount of academic work to have been completed at a satisfactory level (minimum 2.00) subsequent to the coursework to be alleviated;

(3) The length of time to have elapsed since the coursework to be alleviated was recorded;

(4) A description of any specific courses and/or categories of courses that are, for any reason, exempt from consideration under the alleviation procedures;

(5) The procedures to be followed by students in petitioning for alleviation; and

(6) The personnel responsible for implementing the procedures.


HISTORY

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