

AR 4225 (old#4340) CREDIT COURSE REPETITION

❖ From current SMC AR 4340 Credit Course Enrollment Limitation

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1. Definitions

- a. Substandard coursework is defined as a course in which a student has received a grade of D, F, NP, or NC.
- b. Withdrawal coursework is defined as a course in which a student has received a “W”
- c. A repetition is defined as enrollment in a course after a grade or “W” has been obtained.

2. Repetition of Satisfactory Coursework

Repetition of courses in which a student has received a grade of “C” or better is permitted only in cases of unusual extenuating circumstances as described below. As a general rule, a student earning a satisfactory grade may not enroll in that course again, unless one of the following exceptions applies:

- a. A significant lapse of time ([see AR 4228 Course Repetition – Significant Lapse of Time](#)) (more than 36 months) has passed since the student was awarded a grade and/or a recency requirement has been established as a prerequisite for the course at Santa Monica College or at another institution of higher education to which the student seeks to transfer. The student must provide documentation that the repetition is necessary for transfer. Previous grade and credits earned will be disregarded from GPA calculation. [[pursuant to Title 5 Sections 55040\(b\)\(3\), 55043](#)]
- b. Repeating a portion of a variable unit open entry/open exit credit course ([see AR 4229 Course Repetition – Variable Units](#)) to complete the entire curriculum for the course. Previous grade and credits earned will be disregarded from GPA calculation. [[pursuant to Title 5 Section 55044\(a\)](#)]
- c. A petition is approved based on the finding that a previous grade (whether substandard or satisfactory) was, at least in part, the result of extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illness, or other circumstances beyond the control of the student. Previous grade and credits earned will be disregarded from GPA calculation. [[pursuant to Title 5 Sections 55040\(b\)\(5\), 55045](#)]
- d. Students with documented disabilities may enroll multiple times in a course specifically designed for students with disabilities. Such repetitions are considered to be disability-related accommodations and must therefore be authorized by the DSPS Coordinator (or designee) on a case by case basis. Previous grade and credits earned will be disregarded from GPA calculation. [[pursuant to Title 5 Sections 55040\(b\)\(7\) and, 56029](#)]
- e. A student may be permitted to repeat a course any number of times, subject to appropriate documentation, if enrollment in the course is required to meet a legally mandated training requirement designated by statute or regulation as a condition of that student’s paid or volunteer employment, regardless of whether the student recorded substandard work. Previous grade and credits earned will be disregarded from GPA calculation. [[pursuant to Title 5 Section 55040\(b\)\(8\)](#)]
- f. A student may be permitted to repeat a course as a result of a significant change in industry or licensure standards such that the repetition of the course is necessary for the student’s

employment or licensure, subject to appropriate documentation. Previous grade and credits earned will be disregarded from GPA calculation. [pursuant to Title 5 Section 55040(b)(9)]

If one of the above exceptions applies, the student must request repetition directly through a counselor and present supporting documentation. A list of courses with a recency requirement will be maintained through the Curriculum Committee in the Office of Academic Affairs.

3. Repetition of Substandard and Withdrawal Coursework

Students may not enroll in a course more than three times, except in limited circumstances pursuant to Title 5 Section 58161. Enrollments include any combination of withdrawals and repetitions.

- a. A student may repeat a course one time to alleviate a substandard grade or “W” without authorization from a counselor. [pursuant to Title 5 Section 55040(b)(2)]
- b. A student may request to repeat a course a second time (third enrollment) to relieve a substandard grade or “W” by meeting with a counselor. The counselor will determine whether a Petition for Special Consideration is warranted. Repetition approval is not automatic and is determined on a case by case basis. If a petition is submitted, a final decision for its approval will be made by the Special Consideration Committee, ~~a review committee comprised of at least two counseling faculty members and the Dean of Counseling and Retention (or designee) and such decision will be final.~~
- c. A student may request to repeat a course to alleviate a substandard grade or “W” a third time (fourth enrollment) only under exceptional conditions involving the completion of a degree, certificate, transfer requirements, or as outlined in Section 2 of this regulation. In such cases, a Petition for Special Consideration may be submitted only after meeting with a counselor. Repetition approval is not automatic and is determined on a case by case basis. A final decision for its approval will be made by the Special Consideration Committee, ~~a review committee comprised of at least two counseling faculty members and the Dean of Counseling and Retention (or designee) and such decision will be final.~~
- d. Students may repeat a course taken at another accredited college or university for which substandard academic work is recorded.
- e. In determining transfer of a student’s credits, honor similar, prior course repetition actions by other accredited colleges and universities.

4. Student Permanent Academic Record and Grade Point Average (GPA)

- a. 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, ensuring a true and complete academic history. [pursuant to Title 5 Section 55046(a)]
- b. In cases where a student has earned more than two substandard grades, the first two substandard grades will be ~~removed~~ disregarded in calculating grade point average.

- c. In cases when a student is authorized to repeat a course a third time (fourth enrollment), grades earned in the third and fourth enrollment will be used in calculating grade point average, academic probation, and disqualification status. [[pursuant to Title 5 Section 55041\(a\)\(1\)](#)].
- d. In cases where a student has received a substandard grade in a course at SMC and repeated the equivalent course at another accredited college or university with a passing grade, the student may petition to have the SMC course annotated as a repeat on their transcript. The student must submit a petition and request official transcripts be sent directly to Admissions and Records from the institution where course was repeated successfully with a passing grade.

The student is responsible for verifying that their official transcript is on file with Admissions and Records.

Nothing can conflict with Education Code Section 76224 pertaining to the finality of grades assigned by instructors or with Title 5 or District regulations relating to retention and destruction of records

5. Active Participatory Courses that are Related in Content

Active participatory courses are defined as those courses for which individual study or group assignments are the basic means by which learning objectives are obtained ([pursuant to Title 5 Section 55000](#)). Students are permitted no more than four enrollments within a group of Physical Education, Visual Arts, or Performing Arts active participatory courses that are related in content. This limitation includes repetitions to alleviate a substandard grade or “W” during one or more of these enrollments. Exceptions may apply for repetition due to extenuating circumstances ([pursuant to Title 5 Section 55045](#)). Exceptions for significant lapse of time may be considered pursuant to Section 2(a) of this regulation.

6. Conditions for Repeatability of Courses ([see AR 4227 Repeatable Courses](#))

The College has designated specific categories of courses as repeatable. All grades and credits earned in repeatable courses will be included in calculating the student’s GPA [[pursuant to Title 5 Section 55041\(c\)](#)]. A list of such courses and all necessary supporting documentation is maintained through the Curriculum Committee in the Office of Academic Affairs.

Students may petition for approval to repeat up to a total of four enrollments **[insert number]** in the following courses:

- a. Courses for which repetition is necessary to meet the major requirements of required by the California State University (CSU) and or the University of California for completion of a bachelor’s degree [[pursuant to Title 5 Sections 55040\(b\)\(1\), 55041\(a\)\(1\)](#); maximum 4 enrollments].
- b. Intercollegiate Athletics courses in which a student athlete is required to enroll to participate in an organized competitive sport, or conditioning courses in Athletics, which support the organized competitive sport.

- c. Intercollegiate Academic or Vocational competition courses between students from different colleges [[pursuant to Title 5 Sections](#) 55040(b)(1), 55041(a)(3); maximum 4 enrollments].

[Also see AR 4227 Repeatable Courses, AR 4228 Course Repetition – Significant Lapse of Time, and AR 4229 Course Repetition – Variable Units.](#)

References: [Education Code Section 76224](#)

Title 5 Sections 55000, 55003, 55023, 55024, 55040-55046, 55253, 56029, 58161, 58162, and 58164

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§ 55000. Definitions

§ 55003. Policies for Prerequisites, Corequisites and Advisories on Recommended Preparation

§ 55023. Academic Record Symbols and Grade Point Average

§ 55024. Withdrawal

§ 55040. District Policy for Course Repetition

§ 55041. Repeatable Courses

§ 55042. Course Repetition to Alleviate Substandard Academic Work

§ 55043. Course Repetition Due to Significant Lapse of Time

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§ 55045. Course Repetition Due to Extenuating Circumstances

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§ 56029. Educational Assistance Class Course Repetition

§ 58161. Apportionment for Course Enrollment

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