

## AR 4331 (New #4240) Academic Renewal

Academic Renewal is a process intended to facilitate transfer, degree and certificate completion, and/or removal from academic probation. The student must meet with a counselor and complete an academic renewal petition. A maximum of 30 semester units may be disregarded under this policy. Final approval of the petition will be granted by the Admissions and Records Office. ~~Once approved, a~~Academic renewal is irreversible.

To qualify for academic renewal, the student must meet the following criteria:

1. Coursework to be disregarded is limited to 'D' and 'F' grades in courses not subsequently completed with a 'C' or higher at SMC, ~~or at another accredited institution.~~
2. The student's previous performance is not reflective of their recent demonstrated ability. ~~Subsequent to the coursework to be disregarded, the student must have completed a minimum of 36 semester units with at least a 2.0 GPA, or a minimum of 24 semester units with at least a 2.5 GPA, or a minimum of 15 semester units with at least a 3.0 GPA at a regionally accredited college or university. Units must be consecutive and must have begun any time after the coursework to be disregarded.~~

After the semester or session of the coursework to be disregarded, the student must have completed a minimum of 12 consecutive semester units with a 2.0 GPA at a regionally accredited institution. Consecutive semester units must have been completed any time after the semester or session of the coursework to be disregarded.

3. There must be a lapse of at least six months ~~one year since~~ after completion of the ~~most recent~~ coursework to be disregarded.

All coursework will remain legible on the student's permanent record ensuring a true and complete record. The student's permanent record shall be annotated so that it is readily evident to all users of the record that any course disregarded may not satisfy certificate, degree, or general education course requirements.

Reference: Title 5, Section 55046; Education Code Section 70901.5

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### § 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 55000, 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.

#### **70901.5.**

(a) The board of governors shall establish procedures for the adoption of rules and regulations governing the California Community Colleges. Among other matters, the procedures shall implement the following requirements:

(1) Written notice of a proposed action shall be provided to each community college district and to all other interested parties and individuals, including the educational policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature and the Department of Finance, at least 45 days in advance of adoption. The regulations shall become effective no earlier than 30 days after adoption.

(2) The proposed regulations shall be accompanied by an estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by the Department of Finance, of the effect of the proposed regulations with regard to the costs or savings to any state agency, the cost of any state-mandated local program as governed by Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code, any other costs or savings of local agencies, and the costs or savings in federal funding provided to state agencies.

(3) The board of governors shall ensure that all proposed regulations of the board meet the standards of "necessity," "authority," "clarity," "consistency," "reference," and "nonduplication," as those terms are defined in Section 11349 of the Government Code. A district governing board or any other interested party may challenge any proposed regulatory action regarding the application of these standards.