

Final Revisions to Title 5, California Code of Regulations Relating to Academic Renewal

Section 55000 of Article 1 of Subchapter 1 of Chapter 6 of Division 6 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Is Amended to Read:

§ 55000. Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) “Active participatory courses” are those courses where individual study or group assignments are the basic means by which learning objectives are met.
- (b) “Advisory on recommended preparation” means a condition of enrollment that a student is advised, but not required, to meet before or in conjunction with enrollment in a course or educational program.
- (c) “Alleviate” means to disregard previously recorded substandard academic work in the computation of grade point averages as provided for in article 4 of this subchapter.
- ~~(d)~~ “All units attempted” means all units of credit for which the student has enrolled in the current community college district of attendance.
- ~~(d)~~ “CR” means “credit” and is a symbol used to denote that a student received credit for at least satisfactory work in a course taken on a “credit-no credit basis” prior to the Fall 2009 term, or at a different institution which uses the “credit-no credit” symbol. This symbol is the equivalent of “pass” in a “pass-no pass” grading system.
- ~~(e)~~ “Community Services Offering” means a fee-supported community services class authorized pursuant to Education Code section 78300 and approved pursuant to subdivision (d) of section 55002 for which state apportionment is not claimed and credit is not awarded.
- ~~(f)~~ “Content review” means a rigorous, systematic process developed in accordance with sections 53200 to 53204, approved by the Chancellor as part of the district matriculation plan required under section 55510, and that is conducted by faculty to identify the necessary and appropriate body of knowledge or skills students need to possess prior to enrolling in a course, or which students need to acquire through simultaneous enrollment in a corequisite course.
- ~~(g)~~ “Contract Course” means a course which a community college district offers under a contract pursuant to Education Code section 78021 with a public or private agency, corporation, association, or other organization.
- ~~(h)~~ “Corequisite” means a condition of enrollment consisting of a course that a student is required to simultaneously take in order to enroll in another course.
- (i) “Course” means an organized pattern of instruction on a specified subject offered by a community college pursuant to subdivisions (a), (b) or (c) of section 55002.

(~~j~~k) “Course repetition” occurs when a student who has previously received an evaluative symbol in a credit course, as set forth in section 55023, re-enrolls in that course and receives an evaluative symbol.

(~~k~~l) “Courses that are determined to be legally mandated” are courses that are required by statute or regulation as a condition of the student's paid or volunteer employment.

(~~t~~m) “Courses that are related in content” are those courses with similar primary educational activities in which skill levels or variations are separated into distinct courses with different student learning outcomes for each level or variation.

(~~m~~n) “Educational program” is an organized sequence of courses leading to a defined objective, a degree, a certificate, a diploma, a license, or transfer to another institution of higher education.

(~~n~~o) “Enrollment” occurs when a student receives an evaluative or nonevaluative symbol pursuant to section 55023 in a credit course.

(~~e~~p) ~~An~~ “~~e~~Emergency condition or extraordinary conditions” is a condition meeting the requirements of section 58146, subdivision (b).

(~~p~~q) “Intercollegiate academic or vocational competition course” is a course that is designed specifically for participation in non-athletic competitive events between students from different colleges that are sanctioned by a formal collegiate or industry governing body. The participation in the event must be directly related to the course content and objectives pursuant to subdivisions (a) or (b) of section 55002.

(~~q~~r) “Intercollegiate athletic course” is a course in which a student athlete is enrolled to participate in an organized competitive sport sponsored by the district or a conditioning course which supports the organized competitive sport.

(~~r~~s) “NC” means “no credit” and is a symbol used to denote that a student did not receive credit for a course taken on a “credit-no credit basis” prior to the Fall 2009 term, or at a different institution which uses the “credit-no credit” symbol. This symbol is the equivalent of “no pass” in a “pass-no pass” grading system.

(~~s~~t) “Necessary and appropriate” means that a strong rational basis exists for concluding that a prerequisite or corequisite is reasonably needed to achieve the purpose that it purports to serve. This standard does not require absolute necessity.

(~~t~~u) “Noncredit basic skills courses” are those courses in reading, writing, computation, and English as a Second Language which are designated by the community college district as noncredit courses pursuant to subdivision (c) of section 55002.

(~~u~~v) “Nondegree-applicable basic skills courses” are those courses in reading, writing, computation, and English as a Second Language which are designated by the community college district as nondegree-applicable credit courses pursuant to subdivision (b) of section 55002.

(~~v~~w) “Prerequisite” means a condition of enrollment that a student is required to meet in order to demonstrate current readiness for enrollment in a course or educational program.

~~(wx)~~ “Satisfactory grade” means ~~that, for the course in question, course work for which the student's academic record has been annotated with the grading symbols “A,” “B,” “C,” or “P” (as those symbols are defined in section 55023), or “CR” (as defined in subdivision (e) above) have been recorded.~~

~~(xy)~~ “Special classes” means those instructional activities designed to address the educational limitations of students with disabilities who would be unable to substantially benefit from regular college classes even with appropriate support services or accommodations as set forth in section 56028.

~~(yz)~~ “Substandard academic work” means course work for which the grading symbols “D,” “F,” “FW,” ~~or “NP”~~ (as defined in section 55023), or “NC” (as defined in subdivision (s) above) have been recorded.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 66700 and 70901, Education Code. Reference: Sections 70901 and 70902, Education Code.

Section 55046 of Article 4 of Subchapter 1 of Chapter 6 of Division 6 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Is Amended to Read:

§ 55046. Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition.

(a) The governing board of each community college district shall adopt and publish policies and procedures on its websites and in college catalogs 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, shall include a clear statement of the educational principles upon which they are based, and shall clearly identify the personnel responsible for their implementation as well as the steps students must take to initiate the process. 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.~~

The permanent academic record of a student benefiting from academic renewal shall reflect all course work attempted and the grades earned along with an annotation explaining the reason a particular grade is not included in the student's grade point average calculation.

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

(c) The policies and procedures adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall ~~address~~provide 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.~~

(1) Students may request academic renewal multiple times with no unit cap on the amount of coursework eligible for academic renewal.

(2) Students must have completed six (6) semester or nine (9) quarter units with a 2.0 grade point average (GPA), completed those units with a “Pass” grade, or completed 288 hours of noncredit coursework with a “Pass” grade, or a combination of the three aforementioned options, at any accredited institution(s) at any time after the academic term of the coursework to be disregarded.

(3) Courses for which grades of “D” were recorded at the time of degree or certificate conferral shall be eligible for post-award academic renewal, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

(A) The process does not invalidate or alter the awarded degree or certificate and shall apply solely to the recalculation of the student’s grade point average.

(B) The course(s) in which a grade of “D” was recorded was not required, at the time of degree or certificate conferral, to:

(i) Achieve the minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average;

(ii) Complete the minimum degree or certificate-applicable units; or

(iii) Satisfy a general education, major, or certificate requirement. If the “D” grade was utilized to satisfy this requirement, a re-evaluation can determine if grades of “C” or better earned prior to conferral could have satisfied the applicable requirement in lieu of the course(s) with a grade of “D.”

(d) Academic renewal may not be used to:

(1) Alleviate a course used to earn a degree or certificate, except as provided in subdivision (c)(4);

(2) Alleviate a passing grade of “C” or better; or

(3) Alleviate the non-evaluative symbols “I” and “IP.”

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 66700, ~~and~~ 70901, 76220 and 76225, Education Code.

Reference: Sections 70901, 70902, ~~and~~ 76224 and 76225, Education Code.