

AP 4240 Academic Renewal

Reference:

Title 5 Section 55044 55046

Students may petition to have a portion of previous college work disregarded in meeting academic requirements in the colleges of the VCCCD when that work is not considered to be reflective of the student's present demonstrated ability and level of performance. Academic Renewal is intended to facilitate the completion of requirements necessary for an academic degree or certificate, or transfer.

Academic Renewal Options

A student may petition to disregard a maximum of 24 semester units of any courses with less than a "C" or equivalent grade. Academic renewal may not be applied to any course that has been used to satisfy associate degree, certificate of achievement, IGETC or CSU-GE transfer general education breadth requirements. A student may disregard a maximum of 24 or fewer semester units of any courses with less than a "C" or equivalent grade taken during any five terms maximum (summer is considered one term), not necessarily consecutively.

- ~~• once only, to eliminate grade point calculations and credits from selected portions of previous college work which is not reflective of the student's present demonstrated ability and level of performance. The student may petition for Academic Renewal to disregard previous substandard college work by selecting one of the following options:~~
- ~~• Disregard a maximum of 15 or fewer semester units of any courses with less than a "C" or equivalent grade taken during any one or two terms (maximum two terms), not necessarily consecutively; or~~
- ~~• Disregard all courses from two consecutive terms (one summer or intersession may be regarded as equivalent to one semester at the student's discretion). Courses and units taken at any institution may be disregarded.~~

Eligibility

To qualify for academic renewal, students must do all of the following:

- Complete at least 12 units in residence in the colleges of the VCCCD
- Submit official transcripts of all college work
- Wait for twelve months years since after the course work to be disregarded was is completed (summer intersession may be counted as a term)
- The student has subsequently completed at least 30 semester units with a minimum 2.40 GPA. Students must demonstrate recent academic success based on the coursework they have completed at any regionally accredited college after the coursework that is being petitioned for exclusion through academic renewal. Recent academic success may be demonstrated by one of the following:
 - Completing at least 12 semester units with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, or
 - Completing at least 15 semester units with a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA, or
 - Completing at least 24 semester units with a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA
- The colleges of the VCCCD will honor similar actions by other regionally accredited colleges and universities in determining grade point averages and credits.

Petition Process

The petition form for this purpose, ~~is~~ "Petition for Academic Renewal" is initiated by the student through a Counseling appointment.

Recording of Academic Renewal:

Once the Petition ~~of for~~ Academic Renewal is granted, the student's permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible, insuring a true and complete academic history.

Academic renewal actions are permanent and irreversible.

The student should be aware that other colleges or universities may have different policies concerning Academic Renewal and may not honor this policy.