

## Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs

### AP 4240 Academic Renewal

#### References:

Title 5 Sections 55044

~~The Mt. San Antonio College Catalog contains the most recent information regarding Academic Renewal. This document is updated annually for currency and correctness using a review process that includes consultation with the Academic Senate.~~

The Academic Renewal Policy is provided for students in specific circumstances where previously recorded substandard academic performance is not reflective of the student's present demonstrated ability. **It aims to promote student retention and the timely completion of a student's educational goal. The academic principles upon which academic renewal is based include equity, student-centered, and supporting students staying on their pathway. Furthermore, it supports the Mt. San Antonio College's core values of student focus, social and restorative justice.** Academic renewal applies only to substandard coursework completed at Mt. SAC **with substandard grades of D, F, and NP.** Students with substandard coursework at other colleges or universities need to contact those institutions to see if they are eligible for academic renewal under the provisions of academic renewal of ~~said~~ **that** institution.

1. **Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition may be granted multiple times by the college but a** maximum of ~~twenty four~~ **30 units** may be alleviated.
2. ~~Since completion of the work to be disregarded, the student's cumulative grade point average for all units completed at the time of adjustment must be at least 3.0 for 18 semester units, 2.5 for 24 semester units, or 2.0 for 40 units.~~ **To be eligible for academic renewal, the student must meet one of the following criteria at the time of adjustment:**
  - Option 1: Complete at least 18 consecutive semester graded units with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.**
  - Option 2: Complete at least 24 consecutive semester graded units with a minimum of a 2.5 GPA.**
  - Option 3: Complete at least 30 consecutive semester graded units with a minimum of a 2.0 GPA.**
3. The cumulative grade point average may include coursework completed at Mt. San Antonio College and other accredited colleges or universities, **but must be from coursework completed in sessions subsequent to the substandard work being renewed.** Courses used to qualify for Academic Renewal which were completed at another college or university must be verified by official college transcripts **sent to the Admissions & Records Office at Mt. San Antonio College.**
4. ~~A time period of at least two years must have elapsed since the end of the term of substandard work to be disregarded.~~
5. **Coursework to be renewed cannot be used in awarding of a degree, certificate, or transfer certification.**
6. ~~Academic renewal will apply only to substandard grades: D, F, and NP.~~

7. ~~The permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible, **ensuring** a true and complete academic history.~~
8. ~~Mt. San Antonio College does not guarantee that academic renewal will be honored by institutions outside of the District. This determination will be made by the transfer institution.~~
9. Students requesting academic renewal **must** meet with a counselor to file a petition.

### **Grade Alleviation with Course Repetition from Other Accredited Colleges/Universities**

**In an added effort to facilitate student completion, a student may also alleviate substandard academic performance using an equivalent course from an accredited college or university, where a passing grade was earned, to replace a Mt. San Antonio College course in which a substandard grade was recorded. Grade alleviation will be granted following the course equivalencies and variances guidelines under Administrative Policy 4051. A student requesting alleviation of substandard academic performance via this method must submit official college transcripts to the Admissions & Records Office at Mt. San Antonio College. A Request for Variance or Credit for Equivalent Course may be needed if equivalency has not previously been established.**

### **Annotations on Student's Academic Record**

**To ensure a true and complete academic history, grades alleviated via Academic Renewal or Grade Alleviation will not be removed from the student's academic record. Instead, they will be annotated and subtracted from the grade point average (GPA).**

Mt. San Antonio College does not guarantee that academic renewal **or grade alleviation with course repetition** will be honored by institutions outside of the District. This determination will be made by the transfer institution.

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