

Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs

AP 4228 Course Repetition – Significant Lapse of Time

References:

Title 5 Section 55043; **55000**; BP 4225

Students will be allowed to petition to repeat a class **credit course** in which a “Pass” or “C” or better grade was earned when there has been a lapse of ~~at least three years~~ **time of no less than 36 months** since the course was completed and the grade obtained **and**:

- **The College has established a recency prerequisite for a credit course or program;**
or
- **An institution of higher education to which a student wishes to transfer has established a recency requirement that the student cannot satisfy without repeating the credit course.**

~~Students may also petition for course repetition under this provision if another institution of higher education to which the student seeks to transfer has established a recency prerequisite which the student will not be able to satisfy without repeating a course that was previously completed with a successful grade. Students will file these petitions with the Dean, Enrollment Management~~ **Department of Admissions and Records.**

For classes **credit courses** taken under this provision, the highest grade will be factored into the student's Mt. SAC GPA. The student will not receive unit credits for the repeated **credit** course. Students are advised that, even if students ~~receive~~ **earn** a higher grade **in the repeated credit course taken** at this institution ~~when repeating the course the original grade will most likely be considered by transfer institutions~~ **College, the transfer institution may consider the original grade.**

When a student needs to repeat an active participatory experience course in physical education or visual or performing arts, or an active participatory experience course that is related in content due to a significant lapse of time, each repetition attempt will be counted toward the established repetition limits. Active participatory courses are those courses where individual studies or group assignments are the basic means by which learning objectives are met. However, if a student has already exhausted the number of permitted repetitions, then an additional repetition due to a significant lapse of time may be permitted or required by the College.

Only one repetition based on the criteria of significant lapse of time will be allowed per course. This procedure does not apply to course repetitions for substandard grades or course withdrawals.

Recency prerequisites for specific courses and programs may be established, but must be validated per section 55003 of Title 5. Validated, required prerequisites supersede this three-year threshold for repetitions based on lapse of time.

If a student has already exhausted the number of repetitions permitted for activity ~~classes~~ **courses** that are deemed “repeatable,” an additional repetition due to a significant lapse of time is permitted.

When a course is repeated due to a significant lapse of time, the College may disregard the previous grade and credit when computing a student’s grade point average.

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