

AP 4240 Academic Renewal

Reference:

Title 5 Section 55046

Students may petition to have a portion of previous college work disregarded in meeting academic requirements in the colleges of the VCCCD. Academic Renewal is intended to facilitate the completion of requirements necessary for an academic degree or certificate.

Academic Renewal Options:

A student may petition, 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:

- The student has completed at least 12 units in residence in the colleges of the VCCCD
- The student has submitted transcripts of all college work
- The student has waited two years since the course work to be disregarded was completed
- The student has subsequently completed at least 30 semester units with a minimum 2.40 GPA
- The colleges of the VCCCD will honor similar actions by other accredited colleges and universities in determining grade point averages and credits

Petition:

The petition form for this purpose is "Petition for Academic Renewal." The academic renewal form is initiated by the student through a counseling appointment.

Recording of Academic Renewal:

Once the Petition of 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 irreversible.

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

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