

Sierra College

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

AP 4225

Course Repetition

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References:	Title 5 Sections 55040, 55041, 55042, 55043, 55253, 56029, and 58161; Education Code Section 76224

Course repetition occurs when a student who has previously received an evaluative symbol in a credit course, as set forth in Title 5, Section 55023, re-enrolls in that course and receives an evaluative symbol.

- Students may not repeat a course if a minimum grade of “C” or equivalent was earned, unless the course is identified as repeatable in the course description. An exception may be granted for extenuating circumstances or lapse of time.
- Students may repeat a course determined to be legally mandated as defined in Title 5, Section 55000 regardless of whether substandard academic work has been recorded. Such courses may be repeated for credit any number of times. Students may re-enroll in courses that the District has determined to be required by statute or regulation as a condition of paid or volunteer employment. Students may be required to provide evidence that they are required to re-enroll as a condition of their paid or volunteer employment. The grade received by the student each time will be included in calculations of the student’s grade point average.
- Students may petition to re-enroll in a course as a result of a significant change in industry or licensure standards as necessary for the student’s employment or licensure.
- Students with disabilities may enroll multiple times in classes designated as “special classes” as a disability-related accommodation for a reason specified in Title 5, Section 56029.
- Students are allowed to enroll more than once in an occupational work experience course for a total of no more than sixteen (16) semester units.
- Students may petition to repeat a course due to extenuating circumstances, as defined below.
- A non-repeatable course may be attempted up to a maximum of three times per credit course if a substandard grade (grade lower than a “C,” “NC,” “NP”) or a withdrawal* (“W”) was earned. Enrollment attempts include any combination of withdrawals and substandard repetitions. An exception may be granted for extenuating circumstances, as defined in administrative procedures.
- When course repetition occurs, the last grade (“A,” “B,” “C,” “D,” “F”) and credit earned will be included in the computation of the grade point average.

- Courses that are repeated shall be recorded on the student's permanent academic record using an appropriate symbol.
- Annotating the permanent academic record shall be done in a manner that all work remains legible, insuring a true and complete academic history.
- Nothing can conflict with Education Code Section 76224 pertaining to the finality of grades assigned by instructors, or with Title 5 or district procedures relating to retention and destruction of records.

Extenuating Circumstances

A student may petition to repeat a course based on a finding that the student's previous attempt (whether substandard grade, passing grade, or withdrawal*) was, at least in part, the result of extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accident, illness or other circumstances beyond the control of the student. When course repetition is approved in accordance with this policy, the previous grade and credit will be disregarded in computing the student's grade point average.

A student seeking a repeat under this regulation shall, prior to enrollment, follow the proper procedures by filing an appropriate petition with Admissions and Records indicating the following:

- The specific course to be repeated;
- Documentation of the extenuating circumstances warranting the repeat;
- Counselor and/or instructor review, verification, and recommendation.

Annotation of the student's record will ensure that all work taken remains legible, insuring a true and complete academic history. Nothing can conflict with Education Code Section 76224 pertaining to the finality of grades assigned by instructors, or with Title 5 or District procedures relating to retention and destruction of records.

*Military Withdrawals (MWs) shall not be counted for the permitted number of withdrawals.

See Board Policy 4225 and Administrative Procedures 4227, 4228, 4229, and 5075.