



## **AP 4240                      ACADEMIC RENEWAL**

### **References:**

Title 5 Sections 55000, 55040, and 55046

The Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) District recognizes that students' academic records may contain grades that are not reflective of their current educational goals, abilities and circumstances in life. In order to more accurately reflect current educational goals and academic abilities, students may petition for Academic Renewal.

### **Guidelines:**

- A maximum of 30 units: Students may petition to alleviate a maximum of 30 units completed at SBCC upon meeting the eligibility criteria.
- For Academic Renewal, “substandard coursework” is defined as letter grades below C (D+, D, D-, F, and FW).
- Academic Renewal may not be applied to any course that has been used to satisfy associate degree requirements, certificate of achievement, IGETC or CSU-GEB requirements.

To be eligible for academic renewal, a student must file a petition and meet the criteria below:

1. There shall be at least six (6) months between the end of the semester or summer term during which the course(s) to be alleviated is/are completed.
2. Students will demonstrate academic success by meeting the following benchmark:
  - a. Completion of 6 semester units with a 2.00 GPA (any grade posted as A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, or P will count toward this requirement), at SBCC or another regionally accredited college subsequent to the coursework to be alleviated.
    - i. Students using coursework from another regionally accredited college to meet the criteria must submit an official copy of their transcript(s) to Admissions and Records.
3. Currently enrolled students at SBCC must have an academic counselor sign the petition. Students who are not currently enrolled at SBCC are not required to have a counselor signature, but consultation with an academic counselor is strongly advised.
4. When the petition for academic renewal has been approved by Admissions and Records, the student's record will be annotated so that it clearly designates which courses have been alleviated by academic renewal. No courses alleviated by academic renewal will apply toward units or any other requirements for



graduation. All work, however, will remain legible on the permanent record to ensure a true and complete academic history.

5. This policy is adopted for use at SBCC. SBCC does not guarantee that other colleges will honor our Academic Renewal policy. That determination is made by the respective transfer institution.
6. Once granted, academic renewal may not be reversed.
7. Petitioning for Academic Renewal may impact financial aid eligibility and satisfactory academic progress (SAP).

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