

# Academic Renewal

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

---

Transfer Center

# Workshop Outcomes

- Understand definitions of Academic Renewal
- Awareness of uses of Academic Renewal
- Calculation of transferable GPA

# Academic Renewal Disclaimer

All academic renewal is not created equally.

- Each 4-year college or university defines academic renewal differently
- Each 4-year college or university has their own policy for accepting academic renewal
- Each 4-year college or university has their own policy regarding how they will calculate your GPA based on academic renewal.
- Community College regions and districts have their own policies for Academic Renewal.

# Why Academic Renewal?

It is in your best interest to pursue academic renewal prior to the Fall before you transfer.

Academic renewal can take anywhere from 10 to 30 working days depending on the institution.

Students need:

- Submit all transcripts to the SDCCD District Office
  - [SD Mesa Evaluations Webpage Link Submitting and Requesting Transcripts](#)
- Access to course catalogs to get the various policies and course descriptions. Usually accessible online.

Inputting academic renewal will be different on the CSU Apply platform, UC Application and the Common App

# Forms of Academic Renewal at San Diego Mesa College

There are two forms of academic renewal.


1. Academic Renewal with course repetition
2. Academic Renewal without course repetition.

Note: A “W” (Withdrawal) is not considered the same as academic renewal

# Academic Renewal by Course Repetition

- Each course in which an unsatisfactory grade (“D,” “F,” or “NP”) has been earned may be repeated twice without a petition.
- The course being repeated must be the same as the original course, not its equivalent.
- Only the newly-earned units and grades will be used in computing the grade point average.
- Students will not be allowed more than three enrollments in any course, regardless of grade or symbol earned.
- Academic renewal by course repetition for the third course will only be applicable when the third course repeated was completed spring 2010 or later.
- [See Academic Information and Regulations in the SD Mesa Catalog](#)

# SD Mesa Academic Renewal by Course Repetition

 San Diego Community College District  
**Petition for Academic Renewal by Course Repetition**  
☐ City ☐ Mesa ☐ Miramar

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT) Last First MI  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**OLD COURSE**

Course Subject & Number	Units	Grade	College where taken	When taken			
				Semester	Quarter	Summer	Year

**REPEAT COURSE** - The repeated course must contain the equivalent unit value or higher

Course Subject & Number	Units	College where Repeated	Semester of Repeat	Year

**District Regulations Governing Academic Renewal by Course Repetition**

Each course in which a substandard grade ("D," "F" or "NP") has been earned may be repeated twice for renewal. The repeated course must contain the equivalent unit value or higher. Only the newly earned units and grades will be used in computing the grade point average.

1. A course in which a grade of "C" or better was received may not be repeated unless such repetition is provided for in the official course description or by District policy, or the existence of extenuating circumstances is established by the student.
2. Academic renewal coded by other accredited institutions will be honored under the terms of District policy.
3. When courses are repeated under this procedure, the permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that the record of all work remains legible, ensuring a true and complete academic record.
4. Recalculation of the grade point average as a result of academic renewal may be used toward qualification for graduation with honors.
5. If the substandard grade was received at another institution and the course was repeated within the District, the District cumulative totals will reflect only work completed within this District, and will be annotated on the student's record.
6. Academic renewal by course repetition for the second substandard course will only be applicable if the third attempt was completed Spring 2010 or later.
7. If grade alleviation has already been applied two times for a course, the course is not eligible for academic renewal by course repetition and will remain on the academic record.

**I have read the regulations and understand the conditions for academic renewal by course repetition.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

☐ Approved ☐ Denied Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Posted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution: Student Folder (a copy of the final decision will be mailed to the student)

SS-PTARREP 06/2017

Academic Renewal forms can be processed online through the district webpage. Details on the next slide.

SAN DIEGO  
MESA COLLEGE





## STUDENTS

[ACADEMIC PROGRAMS](#)

[ASSOCIATED STUDENTS](#)

[CAMPUS SAFETY](#)

[CANVAS](#)

[COLLEGE CATALOGS](#)

[COMPLAINT PROCESS](#)

[CONSUMER INFORMATION](#)

[COLLEGE POLICIES](#)

[DREAMERS SUPPORT](#)

[DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE  
PREVENTION PROGRAM](#)

[DATES & DEADLINES](#)

[EVALUATIONS](#)

[FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP](#)

[FORMS & DOCUMENTS](#)

[GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT](#)

[GRADES & TRANSCRIPTS](#)

[HONORS INFORMATION](#)

[HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS](#)

[ONLINE SERVICES](#)

[MYSDCCD](#)

[REGISTRATION INFORMATION](#)

[STUDENT GUIDE TO COLLEGE](#)

[STUDENT PRIVACY & FERPA](#)

[SCHEDULE OF CLASSES](#)

[SUPPORT SERVICES](#)

[TITLE IX](#)

## STUDENTS

The San Diego Community College District is committed to supporting the health and well-being of our students, faculty, staff and the larger community. Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, all on and off campus sites and 'in-person' student support services will be closed to the public until further notice. San Diego City, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges and San Diego Continuing Education have moved all instruction and operations online/remote.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.sdccd.edu/coronavirus>

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### • Important College Dates

- June 3 - August 12, 2020: Summer Sessions
- June 8, 2020: [Fall Class Schedule available online](#)
- June 17, 2020: View your assigned Fall registration Date & Time in [mySDCCD](#)
- June 22 - July 14, 2020: Fall Registration Appointments
- July 15, 2020: Fall Open Registration Begins (New applicants after June 11)
- August 17 - December 14, 2020: Fall Semester

- **Student Support Services** (Admissions, Records, Registration, Counseling, Financial Aid, Veterans, Student Accounting, etc.) are working remotely to answer your questions and keep operations running. Many questions are answered in the [Student Support Center](#). If you do not find an answer, you can submit forms and questions at [studenthelp.mysdccc.info](#).

### • Commencement for Spring 2020

City, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges, and Continuing Education commencements will be held in a virtual ceremony format via the *March Orders* platform on July 17, 2020.

All eligible student will be invited to participate in the virtual commencement ceremony if they have applied for graduation in Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, and Summer 2020. Students will receive an email from their respective college to register via the *Marching Orders* portal with instructions on how to register, create a password, and submit the information needed to create a personalized graduation slide

[City Commencement Information](#)  
[Mesa Commencement Information](#)



**Vote California - Register to Vote Today!**  
Stay involved, let your voice be heard! Register to vote in California!

[READ MORE](#)

### Know Your Rights

Everyone, regardless of their immigration status, has constitutional rights before the immigration authorities.

- [Voluntary Departure Form Information \(English\)](#)
- [Voluntary Departure Form Information \(Spanish\)](#)

[READ MORE](#)

### Regulations on Loss of CCPG

Effective Fall 2018, the BOGW has changed the name to the California College Promise Grant (CCPG). Same regulations still apply for maintaining eligibility.

[READ MORE](#)



See  
Highlights  
Click on  
instruction  
al videos  
for  
submitting  
forms



# San Diego Community College District Forms and Documents Webpage

There are two forms for Academic Renewal Depending on your needs.

## STUDENTS SHOULD MEET WITH A COUNSELOR PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE FOLLOWING FORMS:

I confirm that I have discussed my academic situation with a Counselor

☒ Yes ☐ No

### Counseling Forms:

- Mesa College Petition for Exception to Course Repetition Policy (Please speak with a Counselor to get this form)
- Petition for Exception to Course Repetition Policy - Student Petition (City and Miramar Only)
- Petition for Appeal of Enrollment Priority and/or Loss of CCPG
- Academic Renewal without Course Repetition
- Major Electives Form
- Request for General Education Certification
- Reinstatement After Disqualification (3rd Disqualification)
- Student Academic Contract
- Unit Overrides (Student Petition)
- Request for Transcript Evaluation (Online) (All official transcripts must be received prior to submitting this request.)
  - Request for Foreign Transcript Credit (For Foreign Transcript Evaluation Requests, be sure to attach this form with your submission.)

Submit the following forms one at a time. Each form is processed individually, otherwise forms will be rejected.

- Academic Renewal with Course Repetition
- Modification of Graduation Requirements (Online)


[Forms & Documents Webpage](#)

# Academic Renewal

## Without Course Repetition

- Occurs when a student has a semester GPA below 2.0 or specific courses with D or F grades that are not reflective of present demonstrated ability.
- In this case a student may petition to have a maximum of 12 units or one full semester, whichever is greater, of substandard performance disregarded in computation of grade point average.
- To be eligible students need 1 year, 15 units with a 2.0 and all transcripts on file
- There is a process to request this form of academic renewal see Academic Information and Regulations in the SD Mesa Catalog

# Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition

 San Diego Community College District  
**Petition for Academic Renewal without Course Repetition**  
☐ City ☐ Mesa ☐ Miramar

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT) Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

List All Previous Colleges Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose one of the two options below with a maximum of one semester/session or 12 units, whichever is greater.

**a) Semester/Session to be disregarded from GPA**

Semester/Session	Year	Units	Institution

OR

**b) Course(s) to be disregarded from GPA**

Course # (e.g. HIST 100)	Semester and Year	Units	Institution

➤ **Requirements for consideration** (Student must meet all conditions below)

1. Course(s)/Semester/Session must be substandard (below 2.0 GPA).
2. Transcripts from all institutions attended must be officially on file.
3. Successfully complete, in a regionally accredited college or university, 15 units with a GPA of at least 2.0 subsequent to the coursework to be disregarded. All courses taken during the semester/session in which the student reaches or exceeds the 15 unit minimum will be used in computing the 2.0 GPA.
4. One year must have elapsed since the most recent coursework to be disregarded was completed.

I request to have the above substandard coursework disregarded because it is not reflective of my present ability. I have read the policy on the reverse side of this form. I understand the implications of this policy and have reviewed those implications with the counselor. I further understand that the action is irreversible once approved.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

☐ Approved ☐ Denied

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Posted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution: Student Folder (a copy of the final decision will be mailed to the student)

SS-ACDRLWCRSPT 06/2017

Forms for Academic  
Renewal without  
Course Repetition  
are also found on  
the district  
webpage.

SAN DIEGO  
MESA COLLEGE

# BEWARE of Duplication of Credit

- Duplication of credit is generally defined as repeating a course where a C or better was achieved.
- This usually happens when students transfer from different institutions or when using AP, IB and A level credits.
- Each school interprets AP, IB, and A level courses differently thus students need to work with a counselor to ensure they are not “losing” credits if a similar course is taken.

# Explanation of Duplication of Credit from the University of California

## Duplication of Credit

- Students enrolling in courses with similar or overlapping content may have credit restriction warnings to prevent duplication of credit. In these instances, a student who has successfully completed one course (or multiple courses) may receive reduced or no credit for the other course. For information about possible duplication of credit for a specific course, please check the course description for that course in the UC San Diego [General Catalog](#). Please note the Office of the University Registrar is not currently able to generate credit restriction warnings for duplication of AP and/or transfer credit.

# Limitation of Credit

- This happens students take courses with similar or overlapping content.
- Students cannot count the units for all courses taken if there is a limitation of credit or duplication of credit.
- See next slide or an example limitations of credit on math course.



# Limitation of Credit from Mesa Catalog

- Example: 116 College and Matrix Algebra 3 hours lecture, 3 units Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass Option

Prerequisite: Mathematics 96 with a grade of “C” or better, or equivalent or Skill Level/Milestone M50. This course is designed to strengthen the algebra skills of students seeking Business or Natural Science degrees who are required to take an applied calculus course. Topics in the course include the theory of functions; graphing functions; exponential and logarithmic functions; solving equations involving algebraic, exponential and logarithmic functions; solving systems of linear equations; matrix algebra; modeling; and applications problems. Analytical reading and problem-solving skills are required for success in this course.

(FT) AA/AS; CSU; *UC Transfer Limitation: Mathematics (MATH) 116 and 141 combined: maximum credit, 5 semester units.*

- This can happen more frequently with English, Math and Science courses.



# University of California

- The UC's will drop the lower grade and accept the highest grade.
- If the course is coming from another school the student needs to work with counselor to determine if the equivalent course is a good fit for academic renewal.
- Read all FOOTNOTES in ASSIST.ORG for clarification on limitations or duplications.

# California State University

- The CSU will average grades if not taken at same institution. Students and counselors need to consult the academic renewal policy at each community college and CSU.
- In most cases the university will accept academic renewal as shown on the transcript, but it varies by each of the 23 schools.

# Private Colleges/Universities and Out of state public/private Institutions

- Academic Renewal varies by campus. Students need to research these policies and work with the evaluations office and a counselor.

# Calculating your CSU-transferable GPA

- Transferable GPA includes all transferable coursework as indicated in the catalog as transferable to a UC, CSU.
- To determine if a course is transferable, refer to the course listings on SDSU TAP (for SDSU courses) or ASSIST.org (SDSU TAP is preferred by SDSU) or the college catalog
- <https://sunspot.sdsu.edu/pubred/!tap DISP>
- Use the GPA calculator on Mesa College Transfer Center [website](#).
- PDF or Excel Fillable options on Website. Excel fillable is easier!
- You will need to print out or get access to all of your transcripts to accurately calculate your GPA.

# Finding the GPA Calculator File on the Mesa Transfer Center Website



- The Transfer Center Webpage is located in the “Student Services” tab on the SD Mesa Website.
- Click on “Student Services”
- Click on “Transfer Center”
- Click on “Student/Faculty/Staff Resources”
- Click on “GPA Calculation sheet-Excel Fillable”
- [GPA Tutorial Available on SD Mesa Transfer YouTube Channel.](#)

# Example of Excel Fillable on Transfer Website

[illegible]

- The Excel fillable is the best option.
- You will need to save the file to your computer or a USB device.
- If you attended a school on the quarter system, the ***fillable file*** would convert these for you
- +/- grades are not calculated at Mesa but will be included if +/- grades have been received at other institutions

# Final Thoughts....

Academic Renewal is very complex.

It is best to do research and work with a counselor and an evaluator to make sure all aspects are covered.

This may involve also working closely with previous institutions.

It takes time but it worth it.

You can be successful and transfer with these large and small efforts to improve your GPA.

Please ask questions, see a counselor and get started today!  
Good luck!

We are here to help.

SAN DIEGO  
MESA COLLEGE



# SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

## Transfer Center



**(619) 388-2473**

**[mesatransfer@sdccd.edu](mailto:mesatransfer@sdccd.edu)**

**14-306 (3rd floor of the  
Student Services Building)**

**[Mesa Transfer Center Web Page Link](#)**