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Attendance

All students, both registered and on the waitlist, are expected to attend the first class meeting. Instructors may drop all registered and waitlisted students who do not attend the first day of class and those who quit attending prior to the census date for each class. Instructors may drop all registered and waitlisted students who do not attend the first day of class, and they are required to drop those who stop attending prior to the census date for each class. They may also drop registered students who stop attending after census but before the final drop deadline for each class. Students are ultimately responsible for dropping their classes and withdrawing from the college, and should initiate and/or confirm the drop themselves to avoid improper fee assessments.

All students admitted to the colleges of the Ventura County Community College District are expected to attend classes regularly, both because continuity of attendance is necessary to the individual and group progress in any class, and because financial support of the college is dependent upon student attendance. Absence for any reason does not relieve the student from the responsibility of completing all class requirements.

Additionally, it is the student's responsibility to become aware of the attendance and absence policies of the instructor for each class in which they are enrolled at the beginning of the semester. When a student's absences exceed 1/9 of the total class contact hours for the session (e.g., absence from the equivalent of two weeks of a regular semester-long class), the instructor may drop the student from the class and record a grade in accordance with the policy for dropping a course.

Distance Education Drop Policy

For Distance Education classes, specifically those that are fully online, the drop policies of the individual instructor (as stated in the course syllabus) may vary but are based upon the following:

- All students are expected to attend the online class regularly, for a minimum number of hours and/or to complete a minimum number of assignments or quizzes as determined by the instructor.
- Students enrolled in online classes must regularly log in and actively participate or they may be considered non-participatory and be dropped.
- Although it is the responsibility of the student to officially withdraw from a class, the instructor has the authority to drop a student for lack of active participation. The instructor is not required to notify the student after having provided students with the drop policy in the course syllabus.
- Specific assignments within an online course can act as attendance or student activity indicators. If the assignment

or activity is not completed by a given date, then a student is considered inactive and may be dropped. Attendance assignments or student activity indicators will be determined by individual instructors.

- Attendance assignments or student activity indicators must be clearly defined in the course syllabus and fall into one of the following categories:
 - Any assignment given before the census or drop dates.
 - Assignments or activities indicating that the student has begun to participate in the online class.
 - Completion of assignments and activities by due dates.

Regular and Substantive Interaction Policy

In a distance education class, "regular and substantive interaction" refers to frequent, substantive interaction between the instructor and his or her students, and among the students themselves, in the district-provided Learning Management System (LMS).

"Substantive interaction" between instructor and students is achieved through regular communication between the two parties. As in a face-to-face course, the instructor and his or her students must be able to initiate and participate in student discussions (or the equivalent) in an online environment via a variety of modalities in the district provided Learning Management System (LMS). The instructor must regularly monitor and moderate any student assignments or activities in the online classroom in which students interact with each other. The instructor must be available to answer students' questions about both the material and the course itself in an efficient and timely manner. The instructor must also provide regular and timely feedback on, and assessment of, student work. For example, the instructor should respond to students' emails within the instructor's stated availability contained in the syllabus; the instructor should provide feedback or grades on assignments within a week or within the instructor's stated availability contained in the syllabus. In the context of a Distance Education (DE) course, the instructor must spend approximately as much time on these interactions as he or she would for a face-to-face course.

The modes that a DE instructor can use to create regular effective contact are almost limitless but should be easily accessible for the students and, when in question, verifiable. Use of the district provided LMS provides both accessibility and verifiability. The district provided LMS and synchronous technologies includes: online chat (scheduled or unscheduled), telephone contact, video conferencing, virtual field trips, virtual meetings, or online presentation platforms. Asynchronous technologies include email and other correspondence, discussion forums or boards, class announcements via a LMS homepage, websites, blogs, podcasts, voicemail, SMS/text messaging, or e-lectures. Neither of these lists is exhaustive, as there are always new student learning technologies available at any given time. Any accessible medium (in compliance with Section 508 and the CCCCO Distance Learning Access Guidelines) is acceptable for facilitating regular and substantive interaction.

Links to Regulations

California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Distance Education Guidelines - http://extranet.cccco.edu/Portals/1/AA/DE/de_guidelines_081408.pdf (http://extranet.cccco.edu/%20Portals/1/AA/DE/de_guidelines_081408.pdf)

California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Distance Education Access Guidelines for Students with Disabilities - <http://>

extranet.cccco.edu/Portals/1/AA/DE/2011DistanceEducationAccessibilityGuidelines%20FINAL.pdf (<http://extranet.cccco.edu/Portals/1/AA/DE/2011DistanceEducationA%20ccessibilityGuidelines%20FINAL.pdf>)

Grading System and Practices

All coursework, not just work that fulfills the requirements for associate degrees, certificates, diplomas, licenses, or baccalaureate level work, is graded based on board policy.

Units of Credit

The Carnegie unit formula applies to all credit courses offered by the College, whether or not applicable to the associate degree. "One credit hour of community college work (one unit of credit) requires a minimum of 48 hours of lecture, study, or laboratory work at colleges operating on the semester system."

The colleges of the Ventura County Community College District base their semester unit on one lecture class period of 50 minutes each week of a minimum 16-week semester. For practical purposes, the following terms are synonymous: unit, semester unit, semester hours, credit, credit hour.

For purposes of sections dealing with standards for probation and dismissal, all units attempted means all units of credit for which the student was enrolled in any college or university, regardless of whether the student completed the courses or received any credit or grade.

Grades

Letter Grading Scale

Courses are graded pursuant to the grading system established by Title V, Section 55023. Grades from a grading scale shall be averaged on the basis of the point equivalence to determine a student's grade point average. The highest grade shall receive four points, and the lowest grade shall receive no point, using the following evaluative symbols:

Evaluative Symbols

Grade	Description
A	Excellent 4 points per semester unit)
B	Good (3 points per semester unit)
C	Satisfactory (2 points per semester unit)
D	Less than satisfactory (1 point per semester unit)
F	Failing (0 point per semester unit)
P	Pass At least satisfactory (units awarded not counted in GPA; replaced CR effective Fall 2009); used to denote "passed with credit" when no letter grade is given. Credit is assigned for work of such quality equivalent to letter grade of "C" or better.
NP	No Pass Less than satisfactory, or failing (units not counted in GPA; replaced NC effective Fall 2009)

SP	Satisfactory Progress towards completion of the course (Used for noncredit courses only and is not supplanted by any other symbol.)
CRE	Credit by Exam (units awarded not counted in GPA). Effective summer 2015, students receive a letter grade.

Grade Point Averages (GPA) are calculated by dividing the number of grade points earned by the number of units attempted.

Non-Evaluative Symbols

The VCCCD District Governing Board has authorized the use of the non-evaluative symbols "I," "IP," "RD," "W," and "MW" and "EW" defined as follows:

I - Incomplete

Students who are at the end of a term and have failed to complete the required academic work of a course because of an unforeseeable, emergency, and justifiable reasons may receive a symbol "I" (Incomplete) on their records.

The conditions for receiving a letter grade and for the removal of the "I" must be stated by the instructor in a written record which must also state the grade to be assigned in lieu of the removal of the "I." This record must be given to the student and a copy is to be placed on file with the Admissions and Records Office until the conditions are met (the "I" is made up) or the time limit is passed.

A final grade shall be assigned when the work stipulated has been completed and evaluated, or when the time limit for completing the work has passed. The "I" may be made up no later than one year following the end of the term for which it was assigned. The "I" symbol shall not be used in calculating units attempted or for grade point averages.

IP – In Progress

The "IP" symbol shall be used only in those courses that extend beyond the normal end of an academic term. It indicates that work is "in progress," but that assignment of an evaluative symbol (grade) must await its completion. The appropriate evaluative symbol (grade) and unit credit shall be assigned and replace the IP symbol once the course is completed. The "IP" shall not be used in calculating grade point averages.

RD - Report Delayed

The "RD" symbol may be assigned by the Registrar only. It is to be used when there is a delay in reporting the grade of a student due to circumstances beyond the control of the student. It is a temporary notation to be replaced by a permanent symbol as soon as possible. "RD" shall not be used in calculating grade point averages.

W - Withdrawal

Withdrawing from semester-length classes: Students may withdraw from full semester-length classes through the end of the 14th week. A grade of "W" will be posted to the academic record for withdrawals that occur between the class census date and the end of the 14th week. No grade will be posted to the academic record for withdrawals that occur before the class census date. Students still enrolled after the end of the 14th week will receive a grade other than "W" on their academic record.

The census date for each class is determined by the length of the class and may vary. Consult the class syllabus or instructor for more information.

Withdrawing from short-term classes: Students may withdraw from short-term classes through 75% of the total number of class meetings. A grade of "W" will be posted to the academic record for withdrawals that occur between the class census date and the 75% deadline. No grade will be posted to the academic record for withdrawals that occur before the class census date. Students still enrolled after 75% of class meetings will receive a grade other than "W" on their academic record.

The census date for each class is determined by the length of the class and may vary. Consult the class syllabus or instructor for more information. **Limitations on withdrawal exist.** See section on "Withdrawal from Class" in this catalog.

MW - Military Withdrawal

Military withdrawal occurs when a student on active or reserve status in the United States military or National Guard receives orders compelling a withdrawal from courses. Upon verification of such orders, the military withdrawal symbol "MW" shall be assigned to all courses affected by the military withdrawal.

Students requesting military withdrawal must present a petition for withdrawal and a copy of the military orders, or other acceptable documentation, verifying the dates and location of military assignment that compelled or compels withdrawal from classes. Military withdrawal may be requested at any time upon the student's return to college.

A grade of "MW" shall be recorded on the permanent academic record upon approval of petition for military withdrawal. An MW can be approved at any point in time. It is no longer restricted to after the no "W" deadline. "MW" grades shall not be counted as one of the three enrollment attempts allowed to achieve a standard (passing) grade of C/P or better, or in the calculation of a student's academic progress for the determination of academic standing.

EW – Excused Withdrawal

An EW symbol may be requested by the student at any time during the semester (effective January 2018) and no later than three (3) years after the term in which the course was taken. Excused Withdraw shall not be counted in progress probation or dismissal calculations nor shall it be counted towards the permitted number of withdrawals or counted as an enrollment attempt. The financial aid of a student may be affected depending on individual circumstance. A student should consult with the financial aid staff regarding any impact.

An EW is acceptable when a student withdraws from a course(s) due to extenuating circumstances beyond their control, which include but are not limited to, the following:

- Job transfer outside the geographical region;
- Illness in the family where the student is the primary caregiver;
- An incarcerated student in a California State Prison or County Jail is released from custody or involuntarily transferred before the end of the term (In the case of an incarcerated student, an excused withdrawal cannot be applied if the failure to complete the course(s) was the result of a student's behavioral violation or if the student requested and was granted a mid-semester transfer);
- The student is the subject of an immigration action;

- Death of an immediate family member;
- Chronic or acute illness;
- Verifiable accidents; or
- Natural disasters directly affecting the student.

"Extenuating circumstances" means cases of accidents, illnesses, or other circumstances beyond the control of the student. Colleges shall proactively engage with the student or their representative to identify available college support services that may mitigate the extenuating circumstances and prevent withdrawal. If mitigation efforts are unsuccessful, the student shall receive the excused withdrawal symbol ("EW") on their transcript. Students shall not be denied an excused withdrawal due to a college's inability to respond to the petition or to provide sufficient assistance to mitigate the student's circumstances.

A student may request to use an EW for only one course or all courses in a term depending on the reason for the request.

Scholastic Standing and Achievement

Scholastic standing is based on a student's work measured quantitatively in semester units and qualitatively in letter grades. This relationship is expressed as a numerical grade point average.

To illustrate the calculation of a grade point average, a student who earns a grade of A in three units, B in three units, C in three units, D in three units, F in two units, and CR in two units, would have a grade point average of 2.14. The computation is shown below.

Units	=	Grade Points
3 units	A x 4	12 grade points
3 units	B x 3	9 grade points
3 units	C x 2	6 grade points
3 units	D x 1	3 grade points
2 units	F x 0	0 grade points
2 units	CR x 0	0 grade points
16 total units		30 grade points
(- 2 CR units)		
14 graded units		
	30 ÷ 14	2.14 grade point average (GPA)

In calculating a student's degree-applicable grade point average, grades earned in non-degree courses shall not be included.

Availability of Semester Grades

Grades for each semester are generally available within 24 hours of each instructor submitting his/her grades. Students may access their grades through their portal at my.vccd.edu (<http://my.vccd.edu>). Students with outstanding fees and/or obligations will not be able to access their grades until they have cleared their fees/obligations.

Pass/No Pass Grading Option

Colleges of the Ventura County Community College District may offer courses in two pass/no pass ("P/NP") options:

1. courses which are offered on a pass/no pass
2. basis only, and courses in which students **may elect** the pass/no pass option.

Pass ("P") is used to denote "passed with credit" when no letter grade is given. Credit is assigned for work of such quality as to warrant a letter grade of "C" or better.

The first category includes those courses in which all students in the course are evaluated on a pass/no pass ("P"/"NP") basis. This "P"/"NP" grading option shall be used to the exclusion of all other grades in courses for which there is a single satisfactory standard of performance and for which unit credit is assigned. Credit shall be assigned for meeting that standard, no credit for failure to do so.

The second category of Pass/No Pass options is comprised of courses designated by the college wherein each student may elect by no later than the end of the semester whether the basis of evaluation is to be Pass/No Pass or a letter grade. Once the deadline has passed, the request cannot be withdrawn. It is the student's responsibility to file appropriate form by the deadline; otherwise a letter grade will be assigned.

The petition for this purpose, "Request for Pass/No Pass Grade" is available online at the college website and through the MyVCCCD student portal (see "college downloadable forms"). All units earned on a pass/no pass basis in accredited California institutions of higher education or equivalent out-of-state institutions shall be counted in satisfaction of community college curriculum requirements.

A student may apply a maximum of 20 units of credit earned under the pass/no pass option to an A.A. or A.S. degree or Certificate of Achievement. Pass ("P") is used to denote "passed with credit" when no letter grade is given. Credit is assigned for work of such quality as to warrant a letter grade of "C" or better. Units earned on a Pass/No Pass basis shall not be used to calculate grade point averages. However, units attempted for which "NP" is recorded shall be considered in probation and dismissal procedures.

Students should be aware that other colleges and universities may restrict the acceptance of courses taken on a pass/no pass basis, especially for general education and major requirements; therefore, units of "Pass" should not be used to satisfy major requirements for A.A., A.S. degrees or transfer.

Remedial Coursework Limitations

The colleges of the Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) offer courses which are defined as remedial. "Remedial coursework" refers to non-degree-applicable basic skills courses in reading, writing, computation, learning skills, study skills and English as a Second Language which are designated by the college district as not applicable to the Associate Degree.

Students enrolled in remedial courses will receive unit credit and will be awarded an academic record symbol on transcripts as defined under other academic policies. However, the units earned in these remedial courses do not apply toward proficiency awards, certificates of achievement, or associate degrees.

No students shall receive more than 30 semester units of credit for remedial coursework. This limitation of 30 units applies to all remedial coursework completed at any of the campuses of the college district (Moorpark, Oxnard and Ventura Colleges). It does not apply to remedial coursework completed at colleges outside the District. Students transferring from other educational institutions outside VCCCD shall be permitted to begin with a "clean slate" with regard to the remedial limitation. The 30-unit limit applies to all remedial coursework attempted;

however, in the event that some of these 30 units are substandard and a student successfully repeats one or more courses in which substandard grades were earned, then the 30-unit limit would be modified by the application of the Course Repetition Policy.

Students who exhaust the unit limitation shall be referred to appropriate adult non-credit educational services provided by adult schools or other appropriate local providers with which the colleges have an established referral agreement. Such a student may, upon successful completion of appropriate "remedial coursework," or upon demonstration of skills levels which will reasonably assure success in college-level courses, request reinstatement to proceed with college-level coursework. Procedures relating to dismissal and reinstatement are specified in the College Catalog under policies governing Probation, Dismissal and Readmission. The petition for this purpose, Petition for Continued Enrollment or Readmission, is available in the Counseling Office.

The following students are exempted from the limitation on remedial coursework: students enrolled in one or more courses of English as a Second Language; and/or students identified by one of the colleges as having a learning disability.

Any student who shows significant, measurable progress toward the development of skills appropriate to his or her enrollment in college-level courses may qualify for a waiver of the unit limitation. Petitions for waiver can only be given for specified periods of time or for a specified number of units. The petition for this purpose, the Student Educational Plan, is available in the Counseling Office.

The Office of Academic Affairs and Student Learning shall maintain a list for each academic year of remedial courses limited by this policy. Remedial courses are identified as non-degree applicable in the course description section of this catalog.

Students should be aware that this policy applies to all students enrolled in remedial coursework. Students receiving financial aid may have more restrictive limitations due to federal regulations.

The federal rules specify a limitation of one year regardless of units, do not exempt learning skills, and do not provide for a waiver.

Final Examinations

Final examinations are given at the end of each semester. Students are required to take examinations for the classes in which they are enrolled. No examinations are administered prior to the regular schedule for examinations. Exceptions to this rule, in emergency situations, require the approval of the instructor of record and the Division Dean. All student requests for examinations to be administered at a later date must be filed on the proper petition form in the Division Office. Petitions for late examinations will not be considered if the student leaves prior to the last three weeks of the semester.

Grade Changes

Grades are determined and assigned as a result of academic assessment made by the instructor of record of a course. Determination of the student's grade by the instructor is final in the absence of mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence. "Mistake" may include, but is not limited to, errors made by an instructor in calculating a student's grade, and clerical errors. "Fraud" may include, but is not limited to, inaccurate recording or change of a grade by any person who gains access to grade records without authorization.

The removal or change of an incorrect grade from a student's record shall only be done pursuant to California Education Code §76232, or by a compliant alternative method that ensures that each student shall be afforded an objective and reasonable review of the requested grade change.

Grade change petitions must be submitted by the instructor of record or appropriate substitute, or by the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Learning.

Procedure requires that a student first request a grade change from the instructor. In cases where the student has filed a discrimination complaint, or if the instructor of record is not available, or where the district determines that there is a possibility of gross misconduct by the original instructor, provisions shall be made to allow another faculty member to substitute for the instructor of record.

Grade changes shall be requested by the student no more than three (3) years after the term in which the grade was awarded. Exceptions to the time limit may be made if it is determined that the grade was awarded as a result of mistake, fraud, bad faith or incompetence by the instructor. Students may be required to provide documentation to support the requested grade change that may include but is not limited to graded assignments and tests from the class in question or substantiation of verifiable extenuating circumstances.

In the case of fraud, bad faith, or incompetence, the final determination concerning the removal or change of grade will be made by the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Learning. In all cases, where means exist and when at all possible, the instructor who first awarded the grade will be given notice of the change.

Pass/No Pass (P/NP), Credit/No Credit (C/NC) and Credit-by-Exam (CRE) grade designations, once applied to the transcript, cannot be changed to a letter grade.

When grade changes are made, the student's permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible, ensuring a true and complete academic history.

Auditing Classes

Auditing enables a student to attend a class without taking exams, receiving a grade or earning unit credit. Students enrolled in ten units or more in Fall or Spring (or three or more units in Summer) may, with instructor consent, be allowed to audit one lecture class per term without a fee. Students enrolled in less than ten units may, with instructor consent, audit one lecture class per term for a non-refundable fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per unit per semester. Audit students must also pay the health fee. Audit fees are nonrefundable. All fees are subject to change. Priority in class enrollment shall be given to students desiring to take the courses for credit toward a certificate, degree or transfer certification.

Laboratory and activity classes are not eligible for audit. Students auditing a course shall not be permitted to change their enrollment in that course to receive credit for the course, nor are they permitted to challenge the course at a later date.

Students auditing a course are not permitted to take exams in class, nor are they permitted to challenge the course by exam at a later date. Instructors are under no obligation to grade assignments of students auditing a course. Attendance requirements for students auditing courses are the same for all other students as stated in this Catalog.

The Petition to Audit is available on the college website.

Withdrawal

Withdrawal from Class

Withdrawal from a class or from the college is primarily the responsibility of the student. Withdrawals may be done online at <https://my.vcccd.edu> or in person at the Admissions and Records Office. It is the student's responsibility to understand how a withdrawal will affect their academic records, academic standing, ability to repeat the course, eligibility for financial aid, athletic participation, veterans' educational benefits and other programs, services or benefits. Instructors have a responsibility to drop students under certain circumstances as identified below.

Deadline dates for withdrawing from a class may be found on the student's Schedule/Bill and in the online searchable schedule of classes in the CRN notes – click on the CRN to view notes. Students who do not officially withdraw by the stated deadlines will receive an evaluative grade (A-F, P or NP). Withdrawal after the final deadline may be permitted if it is determined that extenuating circumstances prevented a student from completing and withdrawing from a course. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accident, illness or other circumstances beyond the student's control. Supporting documentation will be required. Students should contact a counselor or the Admissions and Records Office to initiate a Petition to Change a Grade to "W". A graded course that has been used to satisfy degree, certificate or transfer requirements will not be changed to a "W."

An Excused Withdrawal (EW) may be requested by the student at any time during the semester (effective January 2018) and no later than three (3) years after the term in which the course was taken. Excused Withdrawal shall not be counted in progress probation or dismissal calculations nor shall it be counted towards the permitted number of withdrawals or counted as an enrollment attempt. The financial aid of a student may be affected depending on individual circumstance. A student should consult with the financial aid staff regarding any impact.

A grade of "W" is not calculated in the grade point average (GPA). Courses that receive "W" grades are counted as an enrollment attempt and will affect a student's ability to repeat the class. Students will be blocked from repeating any course in which they have already received three W, D, F or NP grades in any combination. See Appendix XIV (p. 476) **Course Repetition** for details. "W" grades are also counted in the determination of a student's academic standing, and excessive "W"s will be cause for placing students on progress probation. Students are encouraged to consult a counselor regarding the full impact of "W" grades.

Instructor-Initiated Drops

Instructors are required to drop by the census deadline any student who has never attended class or who has quit attending class. They may drop students who do not attend the first class meeting. The census date for each class is determined by the length of the class and may vary. Instructors may, but are not required to, drop students after the census date for excessive absences. Absence is generally considered excessive if a student misses 1/9 or more of the total number of classes (2 weeks of a full –semester class); however, the nature of the class may require a stricter absence policy. Consult the class syllabus or instructor for more information.

Withdrawing from Semester-Length Classes

Students may withdraw from full semester-length classes through the end of the 14th week. A grade of "W" will be posted to the academic

record for withdrawals that occur between the class census date and the end of the 14th week. Students still enrolled after the end of the 14th week will receive a grade other than “W” on their academic record.

Withdrawing from Short-Term Classes

Students may withdraw from short-term classes through 75% of the total number of class meetings. A grade of “W” will be posted to the academic record for withdrawals that occur between the class census date and the 75% deadline. Students still enrolled after 75% of class meetings will receive a grade other than “W” on their academic record.

The **census date** for each class is determined by the length of the class and may vary. Consult the class syllabus or instructor for more information.

Distance Education Drop/Withdrawal

For Distance Education classes, specifically those that are 100% online, the drop policies of the individual instructor (as stated in the syllabus and/or the college’s drop policy) may vary but be based upon the following:

All students are expected to attend the online class regularly, for a minimum number of hours and/or to complete a minimum number of assignments or quizzes as determined by the instructor.

Students enrolled in online classes must regularly login and actively participate or they may be considered non-participatory and thus may be dropped.

Although it is the responsibility of the student to withdraw from a class officially, the instructor also has the authority to drop a student for lack of active participation. The instructor is not required to notify the student after having provided students with the drop policy in the course syllabus.

Specific assignments within an online course can act as attendance or student activity indicators. If the assignment or activity is not completed by a given date, then a student is considered inactive and may be dropped. Attendance assignments or student activity indicators will be determined by individual instructors.

Attendance assignments or student activity indicators must be clearly defined in the course syllabus and fall into one of the following categories:

- Any assignment given before the census or drop dates
- Assignments and/or activities indicating the student has begun to participate in the online class
- Completion of assignments and/or activities by due dates.

Military Withdrawal

Military withdrawal occurs when a student on active or reserve status in the United States military or National Guard receives orders compelling a withdrawal from courses. Upon verification of such orders, the military withdrawal symbol “MW” shall be assigned to all courses affected by the military withdrawal.

Students requesting military withdrawal must present a petition for withdrawal and a copy of the military orders, or other acceptable documentation, which verifies the dates and location of military assignment that compelled or compels withdrawal from classes. Military withdrawal may be requested at any time upon the student’s return to college.

A grade of “MW” shall be recorded on the permanent academic record upon approval of petition for military withdrawal. “MW” grades shall not be counted as one of the three enrollment attempts allowed to achieve a standard (passing) grade of C/P or better, or in the calculation of a student’s academic progress for the determination of academic standing.

Course Repetition

Limitation on Enrollments & Withdrawals

Consult **Appendix XIV** of this catalog for full policy and procedure information regarding course repetition.

A non-repeatable course in which a grade of C/P/CR or better is earned may not be repeated except as allowed under special circumstances. Students are permitted a total of three enrollment attempts to achieve a standard grade (defined as a passing grade of A, B, C, P or CR). This rule applies to courses taken at any regionally accredited college, in which the student received a substandard grade as defined above. Once a passing grade of C/P/CR or better is received, the course may not be taken again under this section. However, repetition may be allowable under special circumstances as defined in the appendices.

An enrollment attempt is defined as any enrollment in a course that results in an evaluative (A, B, C, D, F, P, NP, CR, NC) or non-evaluative (W) grade. All of these grades are counted as enrollment attempts when determining a student’s eligibility to repeat a course.

Withdrawals may not exceed three (3) times in the same class. Students who have withdrawn from the same class the maximum number of times will be required to petition for a fourth enrollment attempt. The fourth attempt, if authorized, must reflect a grade other than “W.”

Petitions for Course Repetition are available in the Counseling Office.

Academic Renewal without Course Repetition

Students may petition to have a maximum of 24 semester units of any courses with less than a “C” or equivalent grade taken during any five terms maximum (or any portion thereof) of previous college work disregarded in meeting academic requirements in the colleges of the Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) when that work is not considered to be reflective of the student’s present demonstrated ability and level of performance. Academic renewal is intended to facilitate the completion of requirements necessary for an academic degree, certificate, or transfer.

Academic renewal may not be applied to any course that has been used to satisfy associate degrees, certificates of achievement, IGETC or CSU-GE transfer general education breadth requirements.

Consult Appendix XVI (p. 480) of this catalog for full policy and procedure information regarding academic renewal.

Probation, Dismissal, and Readmission

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Consult the appendices at the end of this catalog for full policy and procedures for Probation, Dismissal and Readmission practices.

Probation, dismissal, and readmission policies and procedures are designed to assist students in making progress toward realistic academic, career, and personal goals. Students who choose to enroll are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to realize their full potential. Limitations regarding programs, courses, and unit loads are consistent with the philosophy of providing an opportunity to succeed.

The standards for academic progress may differ for students who receive financial aid and/or VA educational benefits. Consult "Appendix IX (p. 462)" for **Satisfactory Academic Progress** standards for financial aid recipients, and "Unsatisfactory Progress" for VA benefits recipients.

Continuing and returning students who have been on progress or academic probation for two consecutive terms, or are dismissed, will lose their registration priority.

Students who lose their registration priority due to their academic standing may appeal for reinstatement of that priority if they can demonstrate extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances, for this purpose, are defined as:

- Accident
- Illness
- Other circumstances beyond the control of the student

Extenuating circumstances must be supported by verifiable documentation; examples of such documentation include statements from doctors or hospitals, police or insurance accident reports. Approval will result in reinstatement of registration priority.

Students who fail to meet the institution's academic progress standards in two consecutive primary terms (Fall/Spring) will lose the California College Promise Grant (formerly BOG Fee Waiver). Students who lose their California College Promise Grant (formerly BOGW) eligibility may appeal the loss by meeting with an academic counselor. See Appendix IX (p. 462) - Financial Aid Programs and the college website for more information.

Academic Dishonesty

Moorpark College takes academic honesty very seriously. Instructors, accordingly, have the responsibility and authority for dealing with instances of cheating or plagiarism that may occur in their classes. Such activities could include stealing tests, using "cheat sheets," using unauthorized technology, copying off another's test, or turning in someone else's work as his/her own. Instructors have the responsibility to report instances of plagiarism or cheating to the Dean of Student Engagement. Academic dishonesty, in any form, is a violation of the Moorpark College Student Code of Conduct as outlined in the Student Rights and Responsibilities section and, as such, is subject to investigation, charges of misconduct, and disciplinary consequences.

Cheating or Plagiarism

It is the belief at Oxnard College that students share a responsibility with their instructors for assuring that their education is honestly attained. In keeping with this belief, every instructor has the responsibility and authority to deal with any instances of plagiarism, cheating or fabrication that occur in the classroom. Examples of academic dishonesty include (but are not limited to) the following:

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the act of presenting someone else's work as one's own. Examples include:

- Copying and pasting text from websites or other electronic sources and presenting it in an assignment as your own original work.
- Copying and pasting text from printed sources (including books, magazines, encyclopedias or newspapers) and presenting it in an assignment as your own original work.
- Using another student's work and claiming it as your own original work (even if you have the permission of the other student).

Cheating

Cheating is the act of pretending (or helping others to pretend) to have mastered course material through misrepresentation. Examples include:

- Copying in whole or in part from another student's test or paper.
- Allowing another student to copy from your test or assignment.
- Using the textbook, course handouts, or notes during a test without instructor permission.
- Stealing, buying or otherwise obtaining all or part of a test before it is administered.
- Selling or giving away all or part of a test before it is administered.
- Having someone else attend a course or take a test in your place.
- Attending a course or taking a test for someone else.
- Failing to follow test-taking procedures, including talking during the test, ignoring starting and stopping times, or other disruptive activity.

Fabrication

Fabrication is the intentional use of invented information. Examples include:

- Signing a roll sheet for another student.
- Giving false information to college personnel.
- Answering verbal or written questions in an untruthful manner.
- Inventing data or sources of information for research papers or other assignments.

As members of the Oxnard College learning community, students are not to engage in any form of academic dishonesty. Any act of academic dishonesty will be considered a serious offense that is subject to disciplinary action.

For additional information on Academic Honesty, please see www.oxnardcollege.edu (<http://www.oxnardcollege.edu>).

Dean's List and Honors

Dean's List

Special recognition is accorded to students who complete a program of twelve or more units of letter-graded coursework with a 3.50 grade point or higher during a semester. (Pass/No Pass units are not considered in the twelve-unit requirement.) These students are placed on the Dean's List and accorded appropriate recognition.

Graduation With Highest Honors

The highest honors designation is placed on the degree of the graduate who has achieved an overall grade point average (GPA) of 4.0. The highest honors graduate must have completed at least 30 units of coursework at Ventura County Community College District of which 18 units or more must be letter grades. All letter grades must be an A.

Graduation With High Honors

The high honors designation is placed on the degree of the graduate who has achieved an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.75. The high honors graduate must have completed at least 30 units of coursework at Ventura County Community College District of which 18 units or more must be letter grades.

Graduation With Honors

The honors designation is placed on the degree of the graduate who has achieved an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.5. The honors graduate must have completed at least 30 units of coursework at Ventura County Community College District of which 18 units or more must be letter grades.

Use of Technology

Use of Listening or Recording Devices

State law in California prohibits the use by anyone in a classroom of any electronic listening or recording device without prior consent of the instructor and school administration. Any student who has the need to use electronic aids must secure the consent of the instructor. Students who need to use recording devices as an authorized disability accommodation must receive verification through the campus Educational Assistance Center and must provide this verification to the instructor prior to use.

Use of the Internet

Purpose of the Internet

The Internet access provided by Oxnard College is to be used to support the instructional needs of students who are actively enrolled in a designated course. Non-educational, recreational and commercial uses of the Internet are prohibited on the Oxnard College network.

Rules for Using the Internet

Each student is responsible for ensuring that he or she uses the College provided Internet access in an effective, efficient, ethical and lawful manner. To this end, students must comply with the following rules:

1. Observe the guidelines for acceptable use of networks or services.
2. Only attempt to gain access to resources for which he or she has authorization. Oxnard College will not assume financial responsibility for unauthorized Internet-related expenditures.
3. Do not make harassing or defamatory remarks using the Internet.
4. Do not create a personal link to any Oxnard College page, and do not represent Oxnard College on any personal page.
5. Do not install any software.
6. Do not use any unapproved software.
7. Do not violate any federal or state law, including copyright laws.
8. Download data from the Internet onto personal data storage units – any data found on a College-owned hard drive will be deleted.

9. Do not create any social networking page on behalf of Oxnard College or claiming to represent Oxnard College.

Privacy on the Internet

Please be aware that electronic mail is not private since classes will be sharing a mailbox, and that the College reserves the right to access any such information on College-owned servers.

Responsibility for Information on the Internet

Through the Internet, the College provides access to public and private outside networks which furnish electronic mail, information services, bulletin boards, conferences, etc. Please be advised that the College does not assume responsibility for the contents of any of these outside networks.

Obscene Material

District information resources should not be used for knowingly viewing, downloading, transmitting, or otherwise engaging in any communication which contains obscene, indecent, profane, lewd, or lascivious material or other material which explicitly or implicitly refers to sexual conduct. This policy does not prohibit the use of appropriate material for educational purposes, nor limit academic freedom. However, knowingly displaying sexually explicit or sexually harassing images or text in a private or public computer facility or location that can potentially be in view of other individuals is prohibited.