BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA  

MARCH 18, 2008
COLLEGE OF MARIN

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AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008
5:30 P.M.

COLLEGE OF MARIN
STAFF LOUNGE, DEEDY STUDENT SERVICES – KENTFIELD CAMPUS

The Board shall act on posted items and shall not deliberate items that are not on the posted agenda. Persons desiring to address the Board may fill out a card and give it to the Recording Secretary.

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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

A. Special Meeting – 5:30 p.m., Deedy Staff Lounge, Kentfield Campus

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Adoption of Agenda

2. Comments from the Public

3. Staff Reports
   a. Accreditation Progress Report

4. Action Items
   The Superintendent/President recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the following Action Items:

   a. Approve Revised Board Policies
      1. BP 4021 Program Revitalization and Discontinuance Policy
      2. BP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates
      3. BP 4225 Course Repetition
      4. BP 4226 Multiple and Overlapping Student Enrollments
5. BP 4240 Academic Renewal
6. BP 4250 Probation, Disqualification, and Readmission
7. BP 4260 Prerequisites, Co-Requisites and Advisories

b. Approve New Credit Courses
c. Approve Credit Course Deletions
d. Approve Credit Course Revisions

5. Adjournment
MARIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
Kentfield, CA  94904  

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

To:  
Board of Trustees  

From:  
Superintendent/President  

Date: March 18, 2008  

Subject:  
Second Reading of Revised Board Policies  

Item & File No. A.4.a  

Reason for Board Consideration:  
Approval  

Enclosure(s):  
Proposed revised policies  

BACKGROUND:

At the March 11, 2008 Board of Trustees meeting, a set of recommended proposals to revise Board Policies in Chapter 4, Academic Affairs, was included in the agenda for a first reading. The Board reviewed the policies and directed that changes be made to a number of them:

- BP 4021 - Program Revitalization and Discontinuance Policy
- BP 4100 – Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates
- BP 4226 – Multiple and Overlapping Student Enrollments
- BP 4250 – Academic Probation, Disqualification, and Readmission
- BP 4260 – Prerequisites, Co-requisites, and Advisories

The policies were revised as directed and are attached.

No changes were made to BP 4225, Course Repetition, or to BP 4240, Academic Renewal. Those policies are also attached for a second reading and possible approval.

All policies will be codified in a black and white format. However, due to a short timeline, these policies are included as they appear.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent/President recommends that the Board of Trustees approve adoption of Board Policies 4021, 4100, 4225, 4226, 4240, 4250, and 4260.

Administrator Initiating Item  
Dr. Frances L. White, Superintendent/President
BP 4021  PROGRAM REVITALIZATION AND DISCONTINUANCE

References:
Education Code Sections 70902 and 78016;
Title 5 Section 51022 and 55130

It is the policy of the Marin Community College District that procedures be established for discontinuing an instructional program identified as no longer meeting the requirements of four-year institutions or serving any need of business or industry or any community or student need.

Criteria for determining at risk programs and procedures for discontinuance will be established and followed for all academic programs. Programs identified by the District as at risk of discontinuance must first go through the revitalization procedure. Program revitalization and discontinuance procedures recognize that the District must rely primarily upon the Academic Senate (Title 5) in this area and that the faculty and the college administration both participate in all appropriate phases of the discontinuance process. It is expected that the Superintendent/President will always give careful consideration to the recommendations made about program revitalization and discontinuance. However, it should be understood that all recommendations are advisory to the Superintendent/President, who will provide written rationales when not following those recommendations. The Board of Trustees holds the final decision-making authority.

Every career/technical program offered by the community college district shall be reviewed every two years by the Board of Trustees as per Education Code Section 78016.

The Board of Trustees has the legal authority to make the final decision regarding the discontinuance of a program.

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NOTE: The language in green ink reflects recommended language proposed by the Academic Senate and reviewed by the Office of Student Learning. The language in black ink reflects language added by the Board of Trustees.

Date Adopted:
(This is a new policy recommended by the
BP 4100 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

References:

Education Code Sections 70902(b)(3);
Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq.

The philosophy on General Education at College of Marin is expressed well by the policy of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges:

"The awarding of an Associate Degree is intended to represent more than an accumulation of units. It is to symbolize a successful attempt on the part of the college to lead students through patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities and insights. Among these are the ability to think and to communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing; to use mathematics; to understand the modes of inquiry of the major disciplines; to be aware of other cultures and times; to achieve insights gained through experience in thinking about ethical problems; and to develop the capacity for self-understanding. In addition to these accomplishments, the student shall possess sufficient depth in some field of knowledge to contribute to lifetime interest.

Central to an Associate Degree, General Education is designed to introduce students to the variety of means through which people comprehend the modern world. It reflects the conviction of colleges that those who receive their degrees must possess in common certain basic principles, concepts and methodologies both unique to and shared by the various disciplines. College educated persons must be able to use this knowledge when evaluating and appreciating the physical environment, the culture, and the society in which they live. Most importantly, General Education should lead to better self-understanding.

In establishing or modifying a general education program, ways shall be sought to create coherence and integration among the separate requirements. It is also desirable that general education programs involve students actively in examining values inherent in proposed solutions to major social problems."

The District grants the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science to those students who have completed the subject requirements for graduation and who have maintained a 2.0 average in subjects attempted. Students must also complete the general education residency and competency requirements set forth in Title 5 regulations.
Students may be awarded a Certificate of Achievement upon successful completion of a minimum of 18 or more semester units of degree-applicable coursework designed as a pattern of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities that may be oriented to career or general education. Certificate programs shall be approved by the Board.

The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures to determine degree and certificate requirements that include appropriate involvement of the local curriculum committee. The procedures shall assure that graduation requirements are published in the District's catalog and included in other resources that are convenient for students.

From current College of Marin Policy 2.0012 titled Certificate Programs (EC 78016, 78201, 78303, 78407; 5 CAC 51956)

To accommodate those students who seek greater occupational competence but for whom a degree program is not appropriate, the Superintendent/President shall develop certificate programs of less than the number of units required for an associate degree.

Certificate programs may include certificates of completion of a required curriculum and certificates of proficiency where standards of competencies are required.

NOTE: The red type signifies legally required language recommended from the Community College League and legal counsel (Liebert Cassidy Whitmore). The wording in black ink is from current College of Marin Policy 2.0012 titled Certificate Programs adopted 2/24/82 and revised on 2/12/85. The information in blue ink is language to consider including in this policy. The language in green ink reflects revisions recommended in the CC League's Update #13 distributed on September 21, 2007. The language in black ink reflects language added by the Board of Trustees.

Date Adopted:
(Replaces current College of Marin Policy 2.0012)
70902. (a) Every community college district shall be under the control of a board of trustees, which is referred to herein as the "governing board." The governing board of each community college district shall establish, maintain, operate, and govern one or more community colleges in accordance with law. In so doing, the governing board may initiate and carry on any program, activity, or may otherwise act in any manner that is not in conflict with or inconsistent with, or preempted by, any law and that is not in conflict with the purposes for which community college districts are established.

The governing board of each community college district shall establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with the regulations of the board of governors and the laws of this state for the government and operation of one or more community colleges in the district.

(b) In furtherance of the provisions of subdivision (a), the governing board of each community college district shall do all of the following:

1. Establish policies for, and approve, current and long-range academic and facilities plans and programs and promote orderly growth and development of the community colleges within the district. In so doing, the governing board shall, as required by law, establish policies for, develop, and approve, comprehensive plans. The governing board shall submit the comprehensive plans to the board of governors for review and approval.

2. Establish policies for and approve courses of instruction and educational programs. The educational programs shall be submitted to the board of governors for approval. Courses of instruction that are not offered in approved educational programs shall be submitted to the board of governors for approval. The governing board shall establish policies for, and approve, individual courses that are offered in approved educational programs without referral to the board of governors.

3. Establish academic standards, probation and dismissal and readmission policies, and graduation requirements not inconsistent with the minimum standards adopted by the board of governors.

5 CCR § 55060
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55060

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§ 55060. District Policy.

The governing board of each community college district shall adopt policy consistent with the provisions of this article. The policy shall be published in the college catalog under appropriate headings, and filed with the Chancellor's Office as required by section 51004.


5 CCR § 55061
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55061

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§ 55061. Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree and General Education.

(a) The governing board of a community college district shall adopt a policy which states its specific philosophy on General Education. In developing this policy governing boards shall consider the following policy of the Board of Governors:

The awarding of an Associate Degree is intended to represent more than an accumulation of units. It is to symbolize a successful attempt on the part of the college to lead students through patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities and insights. Among these are the ability to think and to communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing; to use mathematics; to understand the modes of inquiry of the major disciplines; to be aware of other cultures and times; to achieve insights gained through experience in thinking about ethical problems; and to develop the capacity for self-understanding. In addition to these accomplishments, the student shall possess sufficient depth in some field of knowledge to contribute to lifetime interest.

Central to an Associate Degree, General Education is designed to introduce students to the variety of means through which people comprehend the modern world. It reflects the conviction of colleges that those who receive their degrees must possess in common certain basic principles, concepts and methodologies both unique to and shared by the various disciplines. College educated persons must be able to use this knowledge when evaluating and appreciating the physical environment, the culture, and the society in which they live. Most importantly, General Education should lead to better self-understanding.

In establishing or modifying a general education program, ways shall be sought to create
coherence and integration among the separate requirements. It is also desirable that general education programs involve students actively in examining values inherent in proposed solutions to major social problems.

(b) The governing board of a community college district shall also establish criteria to determine which courses may be used in implementing its philosophy on the associate degree and general education.

(c) The governing board of a community college district shall, on a regular basis, review the policy and criteria established pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section.


5 CCR § 55062
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55062

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§ 55062. Types of Courses Appropriate to the Associate Degree.

The criteria established by the governing board of a community college district to implement its philosophy on the associate degree shall permit only courses that conform to the standards specified in section 55002(a) and that fall into the following categories to be offered as degree-applicable credit courses:

(a) All lower division courses accepted toward the baccalaureate degree by the California State University or University of California or designed to be offered for transfer.

(b) Courses that apply to the major or area of emphasis in non-baccalaureate career technical fields.

(c) English composition courses not more than one level below the first transfer level composition course, typically known as Freshman Composition. Each student may count only one English composition course below transfer level for credit toward the associate degree. English as a Second Language (ESL) courses which teach composition skills are not considered to be English composition courses for purposes of this subdivision.

(d) All mathematics courses above and including Elementary Algebra.

(e) Credit courses in English and mathematics taught in or on behalf of other departments and which, as determined by the local governing board require entrance skills at a level equivalent to
those necessary for the courses specified in subdivisions (c) and (d) above.


5 CCR § 55063
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55063

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§ 55063. Minimum Requirements for the Associate Degree.

The governing board of a community college district shall confer the associate degree upon a student who has demonstrated competence in reading, in written expression, and in mathematics, and who has satisfactorily completed at least 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of degree-applicable credit course work (as defined in section 55002(a)) which falls into the categories described in section 55062. A college may also accept toward satisfaction of this requirement courses that were not completed at a California community college that would reasonably be expected to meet or exceed the standards of section 55002(a).

Effective for all students admitted to a community college for the Fall 2009 term or any term thereafter, competence in written expression shall be demonstrated by obtaining a satisfactory grade in an English course at the level of the course typically known as Freshman Composition (either Freshman Composition or another English course at the same level and with the same rigor, approved locally) or by completing an assessment conducted pursuant to subchapter 6 of this chapter (commencing with section 55500) and achieving a score determined to be comparable to satisfactory completion of the specified English course. Satisfactory completion of an English course at the level of Freshman Composition shall satisfy both this competency requirement and the coursework requirement set forth in subdivision (b)(1)(D)(i) of this section.

Effective for all students admitted to a community college for the Fall 2009 term or any term thereafter, competence in mathematics shall be demonstrated by obtaining a satisfactory grade in a mathematics course at the level of the course typically known as Intermediate Algebra (either Intermediate Algebra or another mathematics course at the same level, with the same rigor and with Elementary Algebra as a prerequisite, approved locally) or by completing an assessment conducted pursuant to subchapter 6 of this chapter (commencing with section 55500) and achieving a score determined to be comparable to satisfactory completion of the specified mathematics course. Satisfactory completion of a mathematics course at the level of Intermediate Algebra shall satisfy both this competency requirement and the coursework requirement set forth in subdivision (b)(1)(D)(ii) of this section.

The competency requirements for written expression and mathematics may also be met by obtaining a satisfactory grade in courses in English and mathematics taught in or on behalf of other departments and which, as determined by the local governing board, require entrance skills
at a level equivalent to those necessary for Freshman Composition and Intermediate Algebra respectively. Requirements for demonstrating competency in reading shall be locally determined. The required 60 semester or 90 quarter units of course work must be fulfilled in a curriculum accepted toward the degree by a college within the district (as shown in its catalog). It must include at least 18 semester or 27 quarter units in general education and at least 18 semester or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis as prescribed in this section. Of the total required units, at least 12 semester or 18 quarter units must be completed in residence at the college granting the degree. Exceptions to residence requirements for the associate degree may be made by the governing board when it determines that an injustice or undue hardship would be placed on the student.

(a) Requirements for a major or area of emphasis.

(1) At least 18 semester or 27 quarter units of study must be taken in a single discipline or related disciplines, as listed in the community colleges "Taxonomy of Programs," or in an area of emphasis involving lower division coursework which prepares students for a field of study or for a specific major at the University of California or the California State University.

(2) Effective for all students admitted to a community college for the Fall 2009 term or any term thereafter, each course counted toward the unit requirement of this subdivision must be completed with a grade of C or better or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass-no pass" basis.

(b) General Education Requirements.

(1) Students receiving an associate degree shall complete a minimum of 18 semester or 27 quarter units of general education coursework which includes a minimum of three semester or four quarter units in each of the areas specified in paragraphs (A), (B) and (C) and the same minimum in each part of paragraph (D). The remainder of the unit requirement is also to be selected from among these four divisions of learning or as determined by local option:

(A) Natural Sciences. Courses in the natural sciences are those which examine the physical universe, its life forms, and its natural phenomena. To satisfy the general education requirement in natural sciences, a course shall be designed to help the student develop an appreciation and understanding of the scientific method, and encourage an understanding of the relationships between science and other human activities. This category would include introductory or integrative courses in astronomy, biology, chemistry, general physical science, geology, meteorology, oceanography, physical geography, physical anthropology, physics and other scientific disciplines.

(B) Social and Behavioral Sciences. Courses in the social and behavioral sciences are those which focus on people as members of society. To satisfy the general education requirement in social and behavioral sciences, a course shall be designed to develop an awareness of the method of inquiry used by the social and behavioral sciences. It shall be designed to stimulate critical thinking about the ways people act and have acted in response to their societies and should promote appreciation of how societies and social
subgroups operate. This category would include introductory or integrative survey courses in cultural anthropology, cultural geography, economics, history, political science, psychology, sociology and related disciplines.

(C) Humanities. Courses in the humanities are those which study the cultural activities and artistic expressions of human beings. To satisfy the general education requirement in the humanities, a course shall be designed to help the student develop an awareness of the ways in which people throughout the ages and in different cultures have responded to themselves and the world around them in artistic and cultural creation and help the student develop aesthetic understanding and an ability to make value judgments. Such courses could include introductory or integrative courses in the arts, foreign languages, literature, philosophy, and religion.

(D) Language and Rationality. Courses in language and rationality are those which develop for the student the principles and applications of language toward logical thought, clear and precise expression and critical evaluation of communication in whatever symbol system the student uses. Such courses include:

(i) English Composition. Courses fulfilling the written composition requirement shall be designed to include both expository and argumentative writing.

(ii) Communication and Analytical Thinking. Courses fulfilling the communication and analytical thinking requirement include oral communication, mathematics, logic, statistics, computer languages and programming, and related disciplines.

(3) Ethnic Studies will be offered in at least one of the areas required by subdivision (2).

(c) While a course might satisfy more than one general education requirement, it may not be counted more than once for these purposes. A course may be used to satisfy both a general education requirement and a major or area of emphasis requirement. Whether it may be counted again for a different degree requirement is a matter for each college to determine. Students may use the same course to meet a general education requirement for the associate degree and to partially satisfy a general education requirement at the California State University, if such course is accepted by that system to satisfy a general education requirement.

(d) For the purpose of this section, "satisfactorily completed" means either credit earned on a "pass-no pass" basis or a grade point average of 2.0 or better in community college credit courses in the curriculum upon which the degree is based.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700 and 70901, Education Code. Reference: Sections 70901
and 70902, Education Code.

5 CCR § 55064
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55064

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§ 55064. Acceptance of Noncredit Courses.

The governing board of each community college district shall establish procedures by which a student may petition to have completion of a noncredit course counted toward satisfaction of the requirements for an associate degree. The petition shall be granted if the instructor of the noncredit course certifies that the student has achieved competence in the subject matter at a level and with academic rigor equivalent to that required for a degree-applicable credit course.


5 CCR § 55070
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55070

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§ 55070. Credit Certificates.

(a) Any sequence of courses consisting of 18 or more semester units or 27 or more quarter units of degree-applicable credit coursework shall constitute an educational program subject to approval by the Chancellor pursuant to section 55130. The college-awarded document confirming that a student has completed such a program shall be known as a certificate of achievement and may not be given any other designation. The award of a certificate of achievement is intended to represent more than an accumulation of units. Listing of the certificate of achievement on a student transcript symbolizes successful completion of patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities that may be oriented to career or general education. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "general education" includes coursework taken to satisfy transfer patterns established by the University of California, the California State University, or accredited public postsecondary institutions in adjacent states.
which award the baccalaureate degree.

(b) Shorter credit programs leading to a certificate may be established without review and approval by the Chancellor after approval by the college curriculum committee and the district governing board. Such a certificate may be given any name or designation deemed appropriate by the district governing board, except that such a certificate may not be referred to as a certificate of achievement, a certificate of completion, or a certificate of competency, unless approved by the Chancellor pursuant to subdivision (c). Such a certificate may not be listed on a student's transcript, unless approved by the Chancellor pursuant to subdivision (c).

(c) A district may submit any sequence of courses consisting of 12 or more semester units or 18 or more quarter units of degree-applicable credit coursework to the Chancellor and request that it be approved as a program leading to a certificate of achievement. The Chancellor may approve such a program if he or she determines that it satisfies the requirements of subdivision (a) despite requiring fewer than 18 semester or 27 quarter units of degree-applicable credit coursework.

(d) Content and assessment standards for certificates shall be defined by the local curriculum committee and comply with the requirements of this chapter. Such standards should also ensure that certificate programs will be consistent with the mission of the college, meet a demonstrated need, be feasible, and adhere to guidelines on academic integrity which may be developed by the Chancellor, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges or other appropriate statewide bodies.

(e) A description of each approved program shall be included in the college catalog.

(f) The Chancellor shall develop forms and procedures for submission of applications for approval of a program leading to a certificate of achievement.

(g) Provisions of this section regarding the naming or designation of certificates shall become effective for the Fall 2008 term.

BP 4225  COURSE REPETITION

References:
Title 5 Code Sections 55253, 55040, 55041, 55044, and 58161

Students may repeat credit courses in which substandard grades (less than "C," and including "FW" and "NP") were earned.

When course repetition occurs, the permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible, insuring a true and complete academic history.

Under special circumstances, students may repeat courses in which a C or better grade was earned. The special circumstances shall be defined in administrative procedures.

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NOTE: The red type signifies legally required language recommended from the Community College League and legal counsel (Liebert Cassidy Whitmore). The information in blue ink is language to consider including in this policy. The language in green ink reflects revisions recommended by Vice President Martinez.

Date Adopted:
(This is a new policy recommended by the CC League and the League’s legal counsel)
Legal Citations for Board Policy 4225 Course Repetition

5 CCR § 55040
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55040

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ARTICLE 4. COURSE REPETITION AND ACADEMIC RENEWAL

§ 55040. District Policy for Course Repetition.

(a) The governing board of each community college district shall adopt and publish policies and procedures pertaining to the repetition of credit courses for which substandard academic work has been recorded. Such procedures shall not conflict with section 55025 or Education Code section 76224, pertaining to the finality of grades assigned by instructors, or with chapter 2.5 (commencing with section 59020) of division 10 of this part, pertaining to the retention and destruction of student records. Such procedures may:

(1) Permit repetition of any course which was taken in an accredited college or university and for which substandard academic work is recorded;

(2) Indicate any specific courses or categories of courses where repetition pursuant to this section is not permitted; and

(3) In determining transfer of a student's credits, honor similar, prior course repetition actions by other accredited colleges and universities.

(b) For purposes of course repetition, academic renewal, and all other related provisions in this division, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below:

(1) "Course repetition" occurs when a student who has previously received a grade as defined in section 55023, in a particular course re-enrolls in that course.

(2) "Substandard academic work" means course work for which the grading symbols "D," "F," "FW," "NP" or "NC" (as defined in section 55023 and 55030) have been recorded.

(c) The procedures or regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) may allow a student to repeat a course two times in an effort to alleviate substandard academic work. A district may, upon petition by the student, permit a third repetition of a course in which substandard academic
work has previously been recorded, provided the district finds that there are extenuating circumstances which justify an additional repetition. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illness, or other circumstances beyond the control of the student. The district policy may allow the previous grade and credit to be disregarded in computing the student's GPA each time the course is repeated.

(d) The policy adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) may permit a student with a disability to repeat a special class for students with disabilities any number of times based on an individualized determination that such repetition is required as a disability-related accommodation for that particular student for one of the reasons specified in section 56029. The district policy may allow the previous grade and credit to be disregarded in computing the student's GPA each time the course is repeated.

(e) When course repetition occurs pursuant to this section, the student's permanent academic record shall clearly indicate any courses repeated using an appropriate symbol and be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible, insuring a true and complete academic history.


5 CCR § 55041
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55041

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§ 55041. Course Repetition Absent Substandard Academic Work.

(a) The governing board of a district may adopt procedures or regulations pertaining to the repetition of credit courses for which substandard academic work has not been recorded.

(b) If a district permits repetition of courses where substandard academic work has not been recorded, repetition shall be permitted, without petition, in instances when such repetition is necessary for a student to meet a legally mandated training requirement as a condition of continued paid or volunteer employment. Such courses must conform to all attendance accounting, course approval, and other requirements imposed by applicable provisions of law. Such courses may be repeated for credit any number of times, regardless of whether or not substandard academic work was previously recorded, and the grade received each time shall be included for purposes of calculating the student's grade point average. The governing board of a district may establish policies and procedures requiring students to certify or document that
course repetition is necessary to complete legally mandated training pursuant to this subdivision.

(c) The district policy adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) may allow repetition in activity courses subject to the following conditions:

(1) The district must identify the courses which are to be repeatable, and designate such courses in its catalog.

(2) The district must determine and certify that each identified course is one in which the course content differs each time it is offered, and that the student who repeats it is gaining an expanded educational experience for one of the following reasons:

(A) Skills or proficiencies are enhanced by supervised repetition and practice within class periods; or

(B) Active participatory experience in individual study or group assignments is the basic means by which learning objectives are obtained.

(3) The district must develop and implement a mechanism for the proper monitoring of such repetition.

(4) Students may repeat a course pursuant to this subdivision for not more than three semesters or five quarters. For purposes of this subdivision, semesters or quarters include summer or intersessions.

(d) The policy adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) may permit a student with a disability to repeat a special class for students with disabilities any number of times based on an individualized determination that such repetition is required as a disability-related accommodation for that particular student for one of the reasons specified in section 56029.

(e) Except as provided in subdivisions (b), (c) or (d), repetition of courses for which substandard academic work has not been recorded shall be permitted only upon petition of the student and with the written permission of the governing board or its designee based on a finding that the student's previous grade is, at least in part, the result of extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illness, or other circumstances beyond the control of the student. Grades awarded for courses repeated under this subdivision shall not be counted in calculating a student's grade point average.

(f) In addition to permitting course repetition in the circumstances described in this section, a district may also require repetition of a course where substandard academic work has not been recorded if the district determines that there has been a significant lapse of time since the student previously took the course. A district may require a student to repeat a course pursuant to this
paragraph where the district has properly established a recency prerequisite for a course pursuant to section 55003 or has otherwise defined "significant lapse of time" in its policy on course repetition. If the district determines that a student needs to repeat an activity course due to significant lapse of time, that repetition shall be counted in applying the limit on repetitions set forth in subdivision (c)(4) except that, if the student has already exhausted the number of repetitions permitted under subdivision (c)(4), an additional repetition due to significant lapse of time may be required by the district.

(g) When course repetition under this section occurs, 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.


5 CCR § 55044
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55044

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ARTICLE 4. COURSE REPETITION AND ACADEMIC RENEWAL

§ 55044. Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition.

(a) The governing board of each community college district shall adopt and publish policies and procedures pertaining to the alleviation of previously recorded substandard academic work, as defined in section 55040, which is not reflective of a student's demonstrated ability. Such policies and procedures shall include a clear statement of the educational principles upon which they are based, and shall be referred to as academic renewal procedures. When academic renewal procedures adopted by the district permit previously recorded, substandard course work to be disregarded in the computation of grade point averages, the permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible, insuring a true and complete academic history.

(b) Policies and procedures adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall not conflict with:

(1) Section 55025 of this subchapter and Education Code section 76224, pertaining to the finality of grades assigned by instructors; or
(2) Chapter 2.5 (commencing with section 59020) of division 10 of this part pertaining to the retention and destruction of records.

(c) The policies and procedures adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall address all of the following:

(1) The maximum amount of coursework that may be alleviated;

(2) The amount of academic work to have been completed at a satisfactory level (minimum 2.00) subsequent to the coursework to be alleviated;

(3) The length of time to have elapsed since the coursework to be alleviated was recorded;

(4) A description of any specific courses and/or categories of courses that are, for any reason, exempt from consideration under the alleviation procedures;

(5) The procedures to be followed by students in petitioning for alleviation; and

(6) The personnel responsible for implementing the procedures.


Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, s 58161

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ARTICLE 5. OTHER LIMITATIONS

s 58161. State Apportionment for Course Repetition.

(a) Except as specifically authorized by statute or by this section, no state apportionment shall be allowed for the attendance of a student in a course in which the student has previously received a grade from the district.

(b) State apportionment may be claimed for the attendance of a student in a course in which the student has received a grade only if:

(1) The student is repeating the course to alleviate substandard work which has been recorded on
the student's record. The term "substandard" shall be defined as course work for which the grading symbol "D," "F," or "N/C" has been recorded; or

(2) The district finds that the student's previous grade is, at least in part, the result of extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illness, or other circumstances beyond the control of the student; or

(3) The district has determined that a student should repeat a course because there has been a significant lapse of time since the student previously took the course.

The attendance of students repeating a course as authorized by this subsection may be claimed only once for state apportionment.

(c) When course repetition is necessary for a student to meet a legally mandated training requirement as a condition of continued paid or volunteer employment, the district may claim state apportionment each time the student repeats the course.

(d) State apportionment for repetition of courses not expressly authorized by this section may be claimed in accordance with the following procedure:

(1) The district must identify the courses which are to be repeatable, and designate such courses in its catalog.

(2) The district must determine and certify that each identified course is one in which the course content differs each time it is offered, and that the student who repeats it is gaining an expanded educational experience for one of the following reasons:

(A) Skills or proficiencies are enhanced by supervised repetition and practice within class periods; or

(B) Active participatory experience in individual study or group assignments is the basic means by which learning objectives are obtained.

(3) The district must develop and implement a mechanism for the proper monitoring of such repetition.

(4) The attendance of students repeating a course pursuant to this subsection may be claimed for state apportionment for not more than three semesters or five quarters.
BP 4226   MULTIPLE AND OVERLAPPING STUDENT ENROLLMENTS

Reference:
   Title 5 Section 55007

The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures to ensure that students may only enroll in two or more sections of the same credit course during the same term if the length of the course provides that the student is not enrolled in more than one section at any given time.

The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures to ensure that students may only enroll in two or more courses where the meeting times overlap under the conditions specified in Title 5 Section 55007.

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Date Adopted:
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Legal Citation for Board Policy 4226 Multiple and Overlapping Enrollments

Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5 Section 55007

5 CCR s 55007
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, s 55007

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s 55007. Multiple and Overlapping Enrollments.

(a) A community college district may not permit a student to enroll in two or more sections of the same credit course during the same term unless the length of the course is such that a student may enroll in two or more sections of the same course during the same term without being enrolled in more than one section at any given time. Students needing additional instruction in the subject matter while enrolled in a course may be referred for individualized tutoring pursuant to section 58170 or supplemental learning assistance pursuant to sections 58172 and 58164.

(b) A district may not permit a student to enroll in two or more courses where the meeting times for the courses overlap, unless the district has established and incorporated into its attendance accounting procedures adopted pursuant to section 58030 a mechanism for ensuring that the following requirements are satisfied:

(1) the student provides a sound justification, other than mere scheduling convenience, of the need for the overlapping schedule;

(2) an appropriate district official approves the schedule;

(3) the college maintains documentation describing the justification for the overlapping schedule and showing that the student made up the hours of overlap in the course partially or wholly not attended as scheduled at some other time during the same week under the supervision of the instructor of the course.

BP 4240  ACADEMIC RENEWAL

Reference:
Title 5 Section 55044

Previously recorded substandard academic performance may be disregarded if it is not reflective of a student's demonstrated ability. The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures that provide for academic renewal.

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§ 55044. Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition.

(a) The governing board of each community college district shall adopt and publish policies and procedures pertaining to the alleviation of previously recorded substandard academic work, as defined in section 55040, which is not reflective of a student's demonstrated ability. Such policies and procedures shall include a clear statement of the educational principles upon which they are based, and shall be referred to as academic renewal procedures. When academic renewal procedures adopted by the district permit previously recorded, substandard course work to be disregarded in the computation of grade point averages, the permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible, insuring a true and complete academic history.

(b) Policies and procedures adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall not conflict with:

(1) Section 55025 of this subchapter and Education Code section 76224, pertaining to the finality of grades assigned by instructors; or

(2) Chapter 2.5 (commencing with section 59020) of division 10 of this part pertaining to the retention and destruction of records.

(c) The policies and procedures adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall address all of the following:

(1) The maximum amount of coursework that may be alleviated;

(2) The amount of academic work to have been completed at a satisfactory level (minimum 2.00) subsequent to the coursework to be alleviated;

(3) The length of time to have elapsed since the coursework to be alleviated was recorded;
(4) A description of any specific courses and/or categories of courses that are, for any reason, exempt from consideration under the alleviation procedures;

(5) The procedures to be followed by students in petitioning for alleviation; and

(6) The personnel responsible for implementing the procedures.

BP 4250 ACADEMIC PROBATION, DISQUALIFICATION, AND READMSSION

References:
Education Code Sections 70902(b)(3);
Title 5 Sections 55030 - 55034

The College of Marin has established standards of scholarship that reflect academic achievement appropriate to higher education and the community college curriculum. Grades serve as the two indices of academic standards: academic achievement and academic progress. On occasion, students who do not satisfy those standards may find themselves on academic or progress probation or even subject to academic disqualification. The philosophy at College of Marin is that the college community will
- notify students in a timely manner so they may take action to improve their academic standing, and
- offer appropriate services to support student work in this regard.
Students will also be provided the opportunity and means to petition for readmission to the College upon satisfying certain conditions as described below.

Probation
A student shall be placed on academic probation if he or she has attempted a minimum of 12 semester units of work and has a grade point average of less than a "C" (2.0).

A student shall be placed on progress probation if he or she has enrolled in a total of at least 12 semester units and the percentage of all units in which the student has enrolled, for which entries of "W," "I," "NC," and "NP" were recorded reaches or exceeds 50 percent.

A student who is placed on probation may submit an appeal in accordance with procedures to be established by the Superintendent/President.

A student on academic probation shall be removed from probation when the student's accumulated grade point average is 2.0 or higher. A student on progress probation shall be removed from probation when the percentage of units in the categories of "W," "I," "NC," and "NP" drops below 50 percent.

Dismissal
A student who is on academic probation shall be subject to dismissal if the student has earned a cumulative grade point average of less than 1.75 in all units attempted in each of three consecutive semesters.

A student who is on progress probation shall be subject to dismissal if the cumulative percentage of units in which the student has been enrolled for which entries of "W," "I," "NC," and "NP" are recorded in at least three consecutive semesters reaches or exceeds 50 percent.

A student who is subject to dismissal may submit a written appeal in compliance with administrative procedures. Dismissal may be postponed and the student continued on probation if the student completes a petition that provides evidence of extenuating circumstances and/or that shows significant improvement in academic achievement.

**Readmission**
A student who has been dismissed may request reinstatement by submitting a petition that demonstrates that a minimum of one semester has passed and the student has worked with a counselor to develop a plan of academic improvement. The petition may also show that the extenuating circumstances resulting in dismissal have changed. Readmission may be granted, denied, or postponed according to criteria contained in administrative procedures.

The Superintendent/President shall develop procedures for the implementation of this policy that comply with the Title 5 requirements.

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(This is a new policy recommended by the CC League and the League’s legal counsel)
70902. (a) (1) Every community college district shall be under the control of a board of trustees, which is referred to herein as the "governing board." The governing board of each community college district shall establish, maintain, operate, and govern one or more community colleges in accordance with law. In so doing, the governing board may initiate and carry on any program, activity, or may otherwise act in any manner that is not in conflict with or inconsistent with, or preempted by, any law and that is not in conflict with the purposes for which community college districts are established.

(2) The governing board of each community college district shall establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with the regulations of the board of governors and the laws of this state for the government and operation of one or more community colleges in the district.

(b) In furtherance of subdivision (a), the governing board of each community college district shall do all of the following:

1. Establish policies for, and approve, current and long-range academic and facilities plans and programs and promote orderly growth and development of the community colleges within the district. In so doing, the governing board shall, as required by law, establish policies for, develop, and approve, comprehensive plans. The governing board shall submit the comprehensive plans to the board of governors for review and approval.

2. Establish policies for and approve courses of instruction and educational programs. The educational programs shall be submitted to the board of governors for approval. Courses of instruction that are not offered in approved educational programs shall be submitted to the board of governors for approval. The governing board shall establish policies for, and approve, individual courses that are offered in approved educational programs, without referral to the board of governors.

3. Establish academic standards, probation and dismissal and readmission policies, and graduation requirements not inconsistent with the minimum standards adopted by the board of governors.

4. Employ and assign all personnel not inconsistent with the minimum standards adopted by the board of governors and establish employment practices, salaries, and benefits for all employees not inconsistent with the laws of this state.

5. To the extent authorized by law, determine and control the district's operational and capital outlay budgets. The district governing board shall determine the need for elections for override tax levies and bond measures and request that those elections be called.

6. Manage and control district property. The governing board may contract for the procurement of goods and services as authorized by law.

7. Establish procedures that are consistent with minimum standards established by the board of governors to ensure faculty, staff, and students the opportunity to express their opinions at the campus level, to ensure that these opinions are given every reasonable consideration, to ensure the right to participate effectively in district and college governance, and to ensure the right of academic senates to assume primary responsibility for making recommendations in the areas of curriculum and academic standards.

8. Establish rules and regulations governing student conduct.
(9) Establish student fees as it is required to establish by law, and, in its discretion, fees as it is authorized to establish by law.

(10) In its discretion, receive and administer gifts, grants, and scholarships.

(11) Provide auxiliary services as deemed necessary to achieve the purposes of the community college.

(12) Within the framework provided by law, determine the district's academic calendar, including the holidays it will observe.

(13) Hold and convey property for the use and benefit of the district. The governing board may acquire by eminent domain any property necessary to carry out the powers or functions of the district.

(14) Participate in the consultation process established by the board of governors for the development and review of policy proposals.

(c) In carrying out the powers and duties specified in subdivision (b) or other provisions of statute, the governing board of each community college district shall have full authority to adopt rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the regulations of the board of governors and the laws of this state, that are necessary and proper to executing these prescribed functions.

(d) Wherever in this section or any other statute a power is vested in the governing board, the governing board of a community college district, by majority vote, may adopt a rule delegating the power to the district's chief executive officer or any other employee or committee as the governing board may designate. However, the governing board shall not delegate any power that is expressly made nondelegable by statute. Any rule delegating authority shall prescribe the limits of the delegation.

(e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2013.

5 CCR s 55030
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, s 55030

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s 55030. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the specified meanings:

(a) "All units attempted" means all units of credit for which the student is enrolled in the current community college of attendance. The governing board of each district shall adopt rules and regulations governing the inclusion or exclusion of units in which a student did not receive a grade or "pass-no pass" or from which the student withdrew in accordance with rules adopted by the district governing board.

(b) "CR" means "credit" and is a symbol used to denote that a student received credit for at least
satisfactory work in a course taken on a "credit-no credit basis" prior to the Fall 2009 term.

(c) "NC" means "no credit" and is a symbol used to denote that a student did not receive credit for a course taken on a "credit-no credit basis" prior to the Fall 2009 term.


5 CCR s 55031
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, s 55031

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s 55031. Standards for Probation.

(a) Academic probation. A student who has attempted at least 12 semester or 18 quarter units as shown by the official academic record shall be placed on academic probation if the student has earned a grade point average below 2.0 in all units which were graded on the basis of the grading system described in section 55023.

(b) Progress probation. A student who has enrolled in a total of at least 12 semester or 18 quarter units as shown by the official academic record shall be placed on progress probation when the percentage of all units in which a student has enrolled and for which entries of "W," "I," "NP" and "NC" (as defined in sections 55023 and 55030) are recorded reaches or exceeds fifty percent (50 percent).

(c) The governing board of a community college district may adopt standards for probation not lower than those standards specified in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section. Specifically:

(1) A district may establish, as the minimum number of units before academic or progress probation is assessed, a number of units fewer than 12 semester or 18 quarter units; or

(2) A district may establish, as the minimum grade point average for academic probation purposes, a grade point average greater than 2.0; or

(3) A district may establish, as the minimum percentage of units of "W," "I," "NP," and "NC," a percentage less than fifty percent (50%).
5 CCR s 55032
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, s 55032

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s 55032. Removal from Probation.

(a) A student on academic probation for a grade point deficiency shall be removed from probation when the student's accumulated grade point average is 2.0 or higher.

(b) A student on progress probation because of an excess of units for which entries of "W," "I," "NP" and "NC" (as defined in section 55023 and 55030) are recorded shall be removed from probation when the percentage of units in this category drops below fifty percent (50%).

(c) The governing board of a district shall adopt and publish procedures and conditions for probation and appeal of probation and request for removal from probation. Such procedures and conditions may establish standards not lower than those standards specified in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section. Specifically:

(1) A district may establish, as a minimum grade point average for removal from academic probation, a grade point average greater than 2.0; or

(2) A district may establish, as the minimum percentage of units of "W," "I," "NP," and "NC," a percentage less than fifty percent (50%) for removal from probation.


5 CCR s 55033
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, s 55033

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s 55033. Standards for Dismissal.

For purposes of this section, semesters or quarters shall be considered consecutive on the basis of the student's enrollment, so long as the break in the student's enrollment does not exceed one full primary term.

(a) A student who is on academic probation shall be subject to dismissal if the student earned a cumulative grade point average of less than 1.75 in all units attempted in each of 3 consecutive semesters (5 consecutive quarters) which were graded on the basis of the grading system described in section 55023.

(b) A student who has been placed on progress probation shall be subject to dismissal if the percentage of units in which the student has been enrolled for which entries of "W," "I," "NP" and "NC" (as defined in section 55023 and 55030) are recorded in at least 3 consecutive semesters (5 consecutive quarters) reaches or exceeds fifty percent (50%) in accordance with section 55031.

(c) The governing board of a district shall adopt and publish procedures and conditions for dismissal and appeal of dismissal and request for reinstatement. Such procedures and conditions may establish standards not lower than the standards specified in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section. Specifically:

(1) A district may establish, as the minimum cumulative grade point average for dismissal purposes, a grade point average greater than 1.75; or

(2) A district may establish, as the minimum percentage of units of "W," "I," "NP" and "NC," a percentage less than fifty percent (50%), or

(3) A district may establish, as a minimum number of consecutive semesters or quarters, a number fewer than 3 consecutive semesters or 5 consecutive quarters.

(d) The district board shall adopt rules setting forth the circumstances that shall warrant exceptions to the standards for dismissal herein set forth.


5 CCR s 55034
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, s 55034
s 55034, Notification of Probation and Dismissal.

Each community college shall make reasonable efforts to notify a student subject to academic probation or dismissal at or near the beginning of the semester or quarter in which it will take effect but, in any case, no later than the start of the fall semester or quarter. Each community college shall also make a reasonable effort to provide counseling and other support services to a student on probation to help the student overcome any academic difficulties. Each community college shall make reasonable efforts to notify a student of removal from probation or reinstatement after dismissal within timelines established by the district. Probation and dismissal policies and procedures shall be published in the college catalog.

BP 4260  PREREQUISITES, CO-REQUISITES, AND ADVISORIES

References:
  Title 5 Sections 55000 and 55003

College of Marin affirms that students are entitled to pursue intellectual, physical, social, ethical, and career development, and that prerequisites, co-requisites, advisories and certain enrollment limits should be established only in accordance with the standards set out in Title 5 that provide for the establishment, review, and challenge of course requirements.

The Superintendent/President is authorized to establish prerequisites, co-requisites, and advisories regarding recommended preparation for courses in the curriculum and will rely primarily on the Academic Senate. All such prerequisites, co-requisites, and advisories shall be established in accordance with the standards set out in Title 5. Any prerequisites, co-requisites, or advisories shall be necessary and appropriate for achieving the purpose for which they are established. The procedures shall include a way in which a prerequisite or co-requisite may be challenged by a student on grounds permitted by law. Prerequisites, co-requisites, and advisories shall be identified in District publications available to students.

◊ From current College of Marin Policy 2.0021 titled Prerequisites and Corequisites (Title 5, 55201 a-f)

College of Marin affirms that students are entitled to pursue intellectual, physical, social, ethical, and career development, and that prerequisites, corequisites, advisories, and certain enrollment limits should be established only on a course-by-course basis, only where they are appropriate and never if they constitute unjustifiable obstacles to student access. Therefore, College of Marin adopts the following policy in order to provide for the establishing, reviewing, and challenging of these course requirements in a manner consistent with law, safety and good practice.

1. Definitions:
   A prerequisite is a condition of enrollment that a student is required to meet in order to demonstrate current readiness for enrollment in a particular course or program. Examples of courses which may require prerequisites are:
- courses for which specific prerequisites have been justified by content review, the appropriate level of scrutiny and any other validation procedures required by law (Title 5, 55201-a-f);
- sequential courses in a degree application program;
- courses requiring a prerequisite to transfer to a four-year college;
- courses requiring preparation to protect health and safety;
- technical or vocational courses or programs that require special preparation.

A corequisite is a condition of enrollment consisting of a course that a student is required to take simultaneously in order to enroll in another course. Courses which may require corequisites include:
- courses that are part of a closely related lecture-laboratory pairing requiring concurrent enrollment.

An advisory is a condition of enrollment that a student is advised, but not required, to meet before or in conjunction with enrollment in a course or educational program.

Other limitations on enrollment may include:
- courses that require public performance or competition;
- blocks of courses for which enrollment is limited in order to create a cohort of students.

2. The College requires students to complete prerequisites and to register in corequisites as pre-enrollment preparation.

3. Definitions and a detailed explanation of the policy regarding prerequisites, corequisites, advisories and limits on enrollment will be published in the College Catalog and in the Schedule. These publications will also publish information on the procedures for student challenges.

4. The Curriculum Committee will insure that prerequisites, corequisites, advisories and any other enrollment limits are established and reviewed in compliance with state regulations and college policy and are documented on the course outline of record. At least once every six years, as a regular part of the Program Review process, the Curriculum Committee will review each prerequisite, corequisite, advisory and enrollment limit to establish that each is still supported by the faculty in the discipline and is in compliance with all regulations and policies. The Curriculum Committee will also establish procedures to ensure that courses having prerequisites, corequisites, advisories or other enrollment limits are taught in accordance with the course outline. (Title 5, 55201-a-e)
Legal Citation for Board Policy 4260 Prerequisites, Co-requisites, and Advisories

5 CCR § 55000
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55000

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§ 55000. Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:
(a) "Advisory on recommended preparation" means a condition of enrollment that a student is advised, but not required, to meet before or in conjunction with enrollment in a course or educational program.

(b) "Community Services Offering" means a fee-supported community services class authorized pursuant to Education Code section 78300 and approved pursuant to subdivision (d) of section 55002 for which state apportionment is not claimed and credit is not awarded.

(c) "Content review" means a rigorous, systematic process developed in accordance with sections 53200 to 53204, approved by the Chancellor as part of the district matriculation plan required under section 55510, and that is conducted by faculty to identify the necessary and appropriate body of knowledge or skills students need to possess prior to enrolling in a course, or which students need to acquire through simultaneous enrollment in a corequisite course.

(d) "Contract Course" means a course which a community college district offers under a contract pursuant to Education Code section 78021 with a public or private agency, corporation, association, or other organization.

(e) "Corequisite" means a condition of enrollment consisting of a course that a student is required to simultaneously take in order to enroll in another course.

(f) "Course" means an organized pattern of instruction on a specified subject offered by a community college pursuant to subdivisions (a), (b) or (c) of section 55002.

(g) "Educational program" is an organized sequence of courses leading to a defined objective, a degree, a certificate, a diploma, a license, or transfer to another institution of higher education.

(h) "Necessary and appropriate" means that a strong rational basis exists for concluding that a prerequisite or corequisite is reasonably needed to achieve the purpose that it purports to serve. This standard does not require absolute necessity.
(i) "Noncredit basic skills courses" are those courses in reading, writing, computation, and English as a Second Language which are designated by the community college district as noncredit courses pursuant to subdivision (c) of section 55002.

(j) "Nondegree-applicable basic skills courses" are those courses in reading, writing, computation, and English as a Second Language which are designated by the community college district as nondegree-applicable credit courses pursuant to subdivision (b) of section 55002.

(k) "Prerequisite" means a condition of enrollment that a student is required to meet in order to demonstrate current readiness for enrollment in a course or educational program.

(l) "Satisfactory grade" means that, for the course in question, the student's academic record has been annotated with the symbol A, B, C or P as those symbols are defined in section 55023.


5 CCR § 55003
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55003

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§ 55003. Policies for Prerequisites, Corequisites and Advisories on Recommended Preparation.

(a) The governing board of a community college district may establish prerequisites, corequisites, and advisories on recommended preparation, but must do so in accordance with the provisions of this article. Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to require a district to establish prerequisites, corequisites, or advisories on recommended preparation; provided however, that a prerequisite or corequisite shall be required if the course is to be offered for associate degree credit and the curriculum committee finds that the prerequisite or corequisite is necessary pursuant to sections 55002(a)(2)(D) or 55002(a)(2)(E).

(b) A governing board choosing to establish prerequisites, corequisites, or advisories on recommended preparation shall, in accordance with the provisions of sections 53200-53204, adopt policies for the following:

(1) The process for establishing prerequisites, corequisites, and advisories on recommended preparation. Such policies shall provide that in order to establish a prerequisite or corequisite,
the prerequisite or corequisite must be determined to be necessary and appropriate for achieving the purpose for which it is being established. District policies shall also specify the level of scrutiny that shall be required in order to establish different types of prerequisites, corequisites, and advisories on recommended preparation. At a minimum, prerequisites, corequisites, and advisories on recommended preparation shall be based on content review, with additional methods of scrutiny being applied depending on the type of prerequisite or corequisite being established. The policy shall provide that the types of prerequisites described in subdivision (e) may be established only on the basis of data collected using sound research practices. Determinations about prerequisites and corequisites shall be made on a course-by-course or program-by-program basis.

(2) Procedures to assure that courses for which prerequisites or corequisites are established will be taught in accordance with the course outline of record, particularly those aspects of the course outline that are the basis for justifying the establishment of the prerequisite or corequisite.

(3) The process, including levels of scrutiny, for reviewing prerequisites and corequisites to assure that they remain necessary and appropriate. These processes shall provide that at least once each six years all prerequisites and corequisites established by the district shall be reviewed, except that prerequisites and corequisites for vocational courses or programs shall be reviewed every two years. These processes shall also provide for the periodic review of advisories on recommended preparation.

(4) The bases and process for an individual student to challenge the application of a prerequisite or corequisite.

(c) Prerequisites or corequisites may be established only for any of the following purposes:

(1) the prerequisite or corequisite is expressly required or expressly authorized by statute or regulation; or

(2) the prerequisite will assure, consistent with section 55002, that a student has the skills, concepts, and/or information that is presupposed in terms of the course or program for which it is being established, such that a student who has not met the prerequisite is highly unlikely to receive a satisfactory grade in the course (or at least one course within the program) for which the prerequisite is being established; or

(3) the corequisite course will assure, consistent with section 55002, that a student acquires the necessary skills, concepts, and/or information, such that a student who has not enrolled in the corequisite is highly unlikely to receive a satisfactory grade in the course or program for which the corequisite is being established; or
(4) the prerequisite or corequisite is necessary to protect the health or safety of a student or the health or safety of others.

(d) Except as provided in this subdivision, no prerequisite or corequisite may be established or renewed pursuant to subdivision (b)(3) unless it is determined to be necessary and appropriate to achieve the purpose for which it has been established. A prerequisite or corequisite need not be so scrutinized until it is reviewed pursuant to subdivision (b)(3) if:

(1) it is required by statute or regulation; or

(2) it is part of a closely-related lecture-laboratory course pairing within a discipline; or

(3) it is required by four-year institutions.

(e) A course in communication or computation skills may be established as a prerequisite or corequisite for any course other than another course in communication or computation skills only if, in addition to conducting a content review, the district gathers data according to sound research practices and shows that a student is highly unlikely to succeed in the course unless the student has met the proposed prerequisite or corequisite. If the curriculum committee initially determines, pursuant to section 55002(a)(2)(E), that a new course needs to have a communication or computation skill prerequisite or corequisite, then, despite subdivision (d) of this section, the prerequisite or corequisite may be established for a single period of not more than two years while the research is being conducted and the final determination is being made, provided that all other requirements for establishing the prerequisite or corequisite have been met. The requirements of this subdivision related to collection of data shall not apply when:

(1) baccalaureate institutions will not grant credit for a course unless it has the particular communication or computation skill prerequisite; or

(2) the prerequisite or corequisite is required for enrollment in a program, that program is subject to approval by a state agency other than the Chancellor's Office and both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(A) colleges in at least six different districts have previously satisfied the data collection requirements of this subdivision with respect to the same prerequisite or corequisite for the same program; and

(B) the district establishing the prerequisite or corequisite conducts an evaluation to determine whether the prerequisite or corequisite has a disproportionate impact on particular groups of students described in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, age or disability, as defined by the Chancellor. When there is a disproportionate impact on any such group of students, the district shall, in consultation with the Chancellor, develop and implement a
plan setting forth the steps the district will take to correct the disproportionate impact.

(f) Prerequisites, corequisites, and advisories on recommended preparation must be identified in college publications available to students as well as the course outline of any course for which they are established.

(g) Prerequisites establishing communication or computational skill requirements may not be established across the entire curriculum unless established on a course-by-course basis.

(h) The determination of whether a student meets a prerequisite shall be based on successful completion of an appropriate course or on an assessment using multiple measures. Any assessment instrument shall be selected and used in accordance with the provisions of subchapter 6 (commencing with Section 55500) of this chapter.

(i) If a prerequisite requires precollegiate skills in reading, written expression, or mathematics, the governing board of a district shall ensure that nondegree-applicable basic skills courses designed to teach the required skills are offered with reasonable frequency and that the number of sections available is reasonable given the number of students who are required to meet the associated skills prerequisites and who diligently seek enrollment in the prerequisite course.

(j) Whenever a corequisite course is established, sufficient sections shall be offered to reasonably accommodate all students who are required to take the corequisite. A corequisite shall be waived as to any student for whom space in the corequisite course is not available.

(k) No exit test may be required to satisfy a prerequisite or corequisite unless it is incorporated into the grading for the prerequisite or corequisite course.

(l) The determination of whether a student meets a prerequisite shall be made prior to his or her enrollment in the course requiring the prerequisite, provided, however, that enrollment may be permitted pending verification that the student has met the prerequisite or corequisite. If the verification shows that the student has failed to meet the prerequisite, the student may be involuntarily dropped from the course if the applicable enrollment fees are promptly refunded.

Otherwise a student may only be involuntarily removed from a course due to excessive absences or as a result of disciplinary action taken pursuant to law or to the student code of conduct.

(m) Any prerequisite or corequisite may be challenged by a student on one or more of the grounds listed below. The student shall bear the initial burden of showing that grounds exist for the challenge. Challenges shall be resolved in a timely manner and, if the challenge is upheld, the student shall be permitted to enroll in the course or program in question. Grounds for challenge are:

1) The prerequisite or corequisite has not been established in accordance with the district's process for establishing prerequisites and corequisites;

2) The prerequisite or corequisite is in violation of this section;
(3) The prerequisite or corequisite is either unlawfully discriminatory or is being applied in an unlawfully discriminatory manner;

(4) The student has the knowledge or ability to succeed in the course or program despite not meeting the prerequisite or corequisite;

(5) The student will be subject to undue delay in attaining the goal of his or her educational plan because the prerequisite or corequisite course has not been made reasonably available; or

(6) Such other grounds for challenge as may be established by the district governing board.

(m) In the case of a challenge under subdivision (m)(3) of this section, the district shall promptly advise the student that he or she may file a formal complaint of unlawful discrimination pursuant to subchapter 5 (commencing with section 59300) of chapter 10 of this division. If the student elects to proceed with the challenge, completion of the challenge procedure shall be deemed to constitute an informal complaint pursuant to section 59327.

(o) District policies adopted pursuant to this section shall be submitted to the Chancellor as part of the district's matriculation plan pursuant to section 55510.

**BACKGROUND:**

New courses are developed by faculty at the discipline level. They are proposed to the Curriculum Committee, a standing committee of the Academic Senate. Courses are reviewed and approved according to Board policy 2.0001 and 2.0001 DP.1.

The Academic Program will offer the following new credit courses. The courses are recommended by the appropriate academic departments, the Curriculum Committee, and the Vice President of Student Learning. The proposed new courses may be categorized as follows:

**Liberal Arts and Sciences**

Courses of freshman and sophomore level in the area of liberal arts and sciences transfer education.

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<td>COMP</td>
<td>136</td>
<td>Advanced Java</td>
<td>Java methods for exception processing and input/output. Concurrency, networking, and internationalization in Java. Advanced graphical user interfaces.</td>
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<td>SPAN</td>
<td>228A</td>
<td>Advanced Spanish Conversation and Culture Through Films</td>
<td>This course is designed to introduce and teach students about traditional and new tendencies in Spanish and Latin American film, and to establish connection between socio-cultural and political changes in Spanish speaking countries and films, as the most artistic and expressive means of the past century.</td>
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<tr>
<td>SPAN</td>
<td>230C</td>
<td>Culture and Civilization of Spain</td>
<td>The course is conducted entirely in Spanish. Study of language, heritage, culture, traditions, music, art, literature, historic and current events of Spain.</td>
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Liberal Arts and Sciences — Continued

SPAN  235  Cultural Immersion Studies in a Spanish Speaking Country

This course will prepare students to understand how Americans are typically viewed abroad, how to recognize cultural differences and to develop their own value judgments about whether a cultural trait is positive or negative. Students will analyze the effects of globalization and how it is viewed differently across cultures.

New Vocational/Professional Offerings

Courses designed to assist students in learning new skills using advanced technical equipment and approaches.

AUTO  242 (09)  BAR 2009 Smog Check Technician Update Training Course

The course will include information on BAR Updates, Advanced Electrical/Electronic systems diagnostic and repair procedures as they pertain to vehicle emission failures and practical application of the internet to obtain automotive diagnostic and repair information.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent/President recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed new credit courses.

Administrator Initiating Item
Anita Martinez, Vice President of Student Learning
BACKGROUND:

Credit courses are recommended for deletion status by the faculty at the discipline level. These deletions are proposed by the academic departments to the Curriculum Committee, a standing committee of the Academic Senate. Deletions are reviewed and approved according to Board policy 2.0001 and 2.000 DP.1.

The following courses are recommended for deletion by the Curriculum Committee from the College of Marin credit curriculum. These courses have not been taught for a period of time or have been replaced by other courses more relevant to student needs.

DELETIONS

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<td>N E</td>
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RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent/President recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed credit course deletions.

Administrator Initiating Item
Anita Martinez, Vice President of Student Learning
MARIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Kentfield, CA 94904

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

To: Board of Trustees  Date: March 18, 2008
From: Superintendent/President  Item & File No. A.4.d
Subject: Credit Course Revisions
Reason for Board Consideration: APPROVAL
Enclosure(s):

BACKGROUND:

Revised courses are developed by faculty at the discipline level. Revisions are proposed by departments to the Curriculum Committee, a standing committee of the Academic Senate. Courses are reviewed and approved according to Board Policy 2.0001 and 2.0001 DP.1.

The following course revisions are recommended by appropriate academic departments, the Curriculum Committee, and the Vice President of Student Learning.

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<td>BIOL 138</td>
<td>Introduction to Environmental Sciences</td>
<td>Revise catalog description, course content, schedule description, critical thinking, student outcomes, methods of evaluation, methods of instruction, and texts/assigned reading.</td>
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<td>BUS 112B</td>
<td>Financial Accounting 1B</td>
<td>Revise catalog description, schedule description, and texts/assigned reading.</td>
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<td>ECE 280</td>
<td>ECE Fieldwork and Seminar I: Beginning Practicum</td>
<td>Change Prerequisite from ECE 115 to ECE 115 and ECE 116. Revise catalog description, course content, schedule description, critical thinking, student outcomes, methods of evaluation, and texts/assigned reading.</td>
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<td>ECE 281</td>
<td>ECE Fieldwork and Seminar II: Advanced Practicum</td>
<td>Revise catalog description, course content, schedule description, critical thinking, student outcomes, methods of evaluation, methods of instruction, and texts/assigned reading.</td>
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<td>Environmental Maintenance Practices</td>
<td>Revise catalog description, course content, schedule description, critical thinking, student outcomes, and texts/assigned reading.</td>
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<td>ETST 112</td>
<td>History of African Americans (B)</td>
<td>Change Course Title from “History of Black Americans (B)” to “History of African Americans (B).” Revise catalog description, course content, schedule description, critical thinking, student outcomes, methods of evaluation, methods of instruction, and texts/assigned reading.</td>
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<td>HIST 100</td>
<td>Major Trends and Selected Topics in American History</td>
<td>Change Course Title from “Survey of American History” to “Major Trends and Selected Topics in American History.” Revise catalog description, course content, schedule description, student outcomes, methods of instruction, and texts/assigned reading.</td>
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<td>HIST 125</td>
<td>Research Methods and Term Papers in History</td>
<td>Change Course Title from “Research Methods and Term Papers in the Social Sciences” to “Research Methods and Term Papers in History.” Revise catalog description, course content, schedule description, critical thinking, student outcomes, methods of evaluation, methods of instruction, and texts/assigned reading.</td>
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Credit Course Revisions – Continued

HIST 215
History of England
Revise course content, student outcomes, methods of evaluation, methods of instruction, and texts/assigned reading.

HIST 216
History of Mexico
Revise catalog description, course content, student outcomes, and texts/assigned reading.

POLS 125
Research Methods and Term Papers in Political Science
Change Course Title from “Research Methods and Term Papers in the Social Sciences” to “Research Methods and Term Papers in Political Science.” Revise catalog description, course content, schedule description, critical thinking, student outcomes, methods of evaluation, methods of instruction, and texts/assigned reading.

POLS 215
Survey of Current Issues
Change Course Title from “Survey of Current Events and Issues” to “Survey of Current Issues.” Revise catalog description, course content, schedule description, critical thinking, student outcomes, methods of instruction, and texts/assigned reading.

SSC 125
Research Methods and Term Papers in Social Science
Change Course Title from “Research Methods and Term Papers in the Social Sciences” to “Research Methods and Term Papers in Social Science.” Revise catalog description, course content, schedule description, critical thinking, student outcomes, methods of evaluation, methods of instruction, and texts/assigned reading.

SSC 215
Survey of Current Issues
Change Course Title from “Survey of Current Events and Issues” to “Survey of Current Issues.” Revise catalog description, course content, schedule description, critical thinking, student outcomes, methods of instruction, and texts/assigned reading.

RECOMMENDATION:
The Superintendent/President recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed credit course revisions.

Administrator Initiating Item
Anita Martinez, Vice President of Student Learning