

Probation and Dismissal: Frequently Asked Questions

❖ My registration date is the day before classes begin, what can I do?

To restore your original registration date, complete the workshop noted in the student tab of your portal. The workshop you need to complete depends on your level of probation. After you complete the workshop, your original registration date will be restored! Go to **Next Steps: What do I do next?** for details.

❖ What is Probation?

You are on **Academic Probation** when you have attempted at least 12 units and your cumulative grade point average (GPA) is below 2.00. You are on **Progress Probation** when you've enrolled in at least 12 units and you earn 50% or more units of **W, I,** and/or **NP/NPV**. Excused Withdrawals (**EW**) do not affect probation standing.

❖ What are the different levels of probation?

If you were placed on **Academic and/or Progress Probation**, and don't return to Good Standing by the next semester, you will be placed on **Continued Academic and/or Progress Probation**. And, if by the following semester you don't return to Good Standing, you will be **Dismissed** from Mt. SAC for 2 semesters.

❖ I have been dismissed from Mt. SAC. What does that mean?

If you were dismissed from Mt. SAC, you should have been notified by Admissions and through the probation channel in your student portal. If you experienced extenuating circumstances that affected your academic performance or if you did well in your most recent term, appeal your dismissal. Check your probation channel and/or your notification from Admissions about the appeals process and deadline.

If you missed the deadline to appeal, you must sit out for 2 semesters. After 2 semesters have passed, you can return to Mt. SAC by re-applying and attending a **Reinstatement Workshop**. Go to **Next Steps: What do I do next?** for details.

❖ I passed my classes this semester. Why am I on probation?

Academic Probation is based on your *cumulative* Mt. SAC GPA. We're excited that you earned a 2.00 or higher in your last term, but it is your *cumulative*, or **overall**, GPA that must be 2.00 or higher to return to Good Standing.

With **Progress Probation**, if you passed your classes this semester but still have 50% or more units of **W, I,** and/or **NP/NPV**, you are still on probation.

❖ **Can I still attend next semester?**

Yes! Unless you were dismissed, you can still enroll in 12 units the next semester (Spring or Fall). You will also be allowed to enroll in 4 units for the following intersession (Summer or Winter).

❖ **Why am I limited to 12 units?**

While we still want to ensure that you maintain your full-time student status for financial aid or other reasons, we also want you to be successful in the courses you take and prevent dismissal. Your **D** and **F** grades and/or excessive units of **W**, **I**, and/or **NP/NPV** are letting us know that there are factors affecting your academic performance. Limiting the number of classes you take will help you earn higher grades and finish them without withdrawing.

❖ **Can I take more units?**

Schedule a counseling appointment to request additional units. You and the counselor will discuss your past academic performance and your reasons for requesting additional units.

❖ **Will I be kicked out of my special program (e.g., EOPS/CARE, Veterans, REACH, ACES)?**

Please meet with a counselor from your special program to learn more about how your probation standing affects your participation in the program, including the loss of your priority registration.

❖ **If I repeat a class will the old grade be erased from my transcript?**

No. All courses attempted are part of your academic history and need to be accurately represented on your transcript.

When you repeat a course, the original grade will still be visible on your Mt. SAC transcript, **but** it won't be used in the calculation of your GPA and there will be a notation indicating that it has been excluded (**E**) from your GPA.

❖ **Do I have to repeat a class in which I earned a D or F?**

Repeating a course may benefit you because the new grade automatically replaces the **D** or **F** grade in the calculation of your GPA. If the course was for your major and/or a general education course such as ENGL 1A, you must repeat the course. In other cases, speak with a counselor about whether you should repeat a course or not.

Remember, when you repeat a course, the original grade will still be visible on your Mt. SAC transcript, but it won't be used in the calculation of your GPA and there will be a notation indicating that it has been excluded (**E**) from your GPA.

❖ **How many times can I repeat a course in which I earned a D, F, W, or NP/NPV?**

You can repeat a course two times for a total of 3 attempts. If you have exceeded the limit, you can request a 4th attempt by submitting a **Petition for Exceptional Action** through the [Admissions and Records Office](#).

❖ **What is Academic Renewal?**

Academic Renewal is a policy that allows you to remove **D** or **F** grades from the calculation of your GPA *without* having to repeat the course. Similarly, the removal of **NP/NPV** units affects the calculation of completed units.

You must see a counselor to complete the **Petition for Academic Renewal without Course Repetition**. To qualify, the guidelines listed below must be met:

1. Academic renewal applies only to coursework completed at Mt. SAC with substandard grades of D, DV, F, FV, NC, NP, and NPV.
2. Coursework to be renewed cannot be used in awarding of a degree, certificate, or general education certification at Mt. SAC.
3. Up to 30 units may be disregarded.
4. The renewed courses will remain on the student's academic record. A code (z) indicating those courses that have been disregarded will appear on the official college transcript.
5. Once granted Academic Renewal actions are irreversible.
6. Mt. San Antonio College does not guarantee that institutions outside the District will honor academic renewal. The receiving institution will make that determination. Since the last semester to be disregarded, the student must complete at least:
 - 18 units with a 3.0 grade point average, **or**
 - 24 units with a 2.5 grade point average, **or**
 - 30 units with a 2.0 grade point average

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