

# ACADEMIC RENEWAL

## (Board Policy 4240)

If specific conditions are met, Feather River College may disregard the grades earned during a particular period of time from all consideration associated with the computation of a student's cumulative grade point average (GPA). This process is limited to no more than 30 units of coursework taken at any college for graduation or GPA purposes only.

*NOTE:* It is important to understand that all coursework will remain legible on the student's permanent records (transcripts), ensuring a true and complete academic history. However, the student's permanent records will be annotated so that it is readily evident to all users of the records that the units, even if satisfactory, are to be disregarded. This notation will be made at the time that the academic renewal has been approved by the Student Services office.

If another accredited college has acted to remove previous coursework from consideration in computing the grade point average, such action shall be honored in terms of its policy. However, such units disregarded shall be deducted from the 30 semester unit maximum of coursework eligible to be disregarded at Feather River College.

*Reference: Education Code, Sections 55764 and 55765*

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## Administrative Procedure (AP 4240)

The academic renewal policy for Feather River Community College District is issued pursuant to Section 55046 of the California Administrative Code (Title 5) regulations. The purpose of AP 4240 is to disregard a student's past substandard academic performance when such work is not reflective of their current demonstrated ability. It is based on the recognition that due to unusual circumstances or circumstances beyond the student's control, the past substandard work will negatively affect their academic standing and unnecessarily prolong the rate at which they complete their current objectives.

If specific conditions are met, Feather River College may disregard the grades earned during a particular period of time from all consideration associated with the computation of a student's cumulative grade point average (GPA). This process is limited to no more than 30 units of coursework taken at any college for graduation. These conditions are:

1. The coursework to be disregarded is substandard. The total GPA of the semester is less than 2.0 units.
2. A minimum of two (2) semesters with at least eighteen (18) units having been completed at Feather River College with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better subsequent to the coursework to be disregarded.
3. At least 12 months have elapsed since the most recent coursework to be disregarded.
4. All substandard coursework shall be disregarded except those courses required as a prerequisite or to satisfy a requirement in the student's redirected educational objective.

5. Credit for courses from other colleges or universities may be disregarded in order to meet the GPA requirements for an associates degree or certificate of achievement toward graduation.

*NOTE:* It is important to understand that all coursework will remain legible on the student's permanent records (transcripts), ensuring a true and complete academic history. However, the student's permanent records will be annotated so that it is readily evident to all users of the records that the substandard units, are to be disregarded. This notation will be made at the time that the academic renewal has been approved by the Admissions and Records Office.

If another accredited college has acted to remove previous coursework from consideration in computing the grade point average, such action shall be honored in terms of its policy. However, such units disregarded shall be deducted from the 30 semester unit maximum of coursework eligible to be disregarded at Feather River College.

Students requesting removal of previous coursework for certificate or degree consideration must file a petition in the Admissions and Records office. The petition shall outline the term or consecutive terms of coursework to be disregarded and shall include evidence verifying (a) that work completed during the period is substandard, and (b) at least twelve (12) months has elapsed since completion of most recent coursework to be disregarded.

The Chief Instructional Officer shall act on the petition and return it to the Admissions and Records Office for entry of the proper annotation on the student's permanent record. Academic renewal actions are irreversible.

*NOTE:* This policy does not apply to the Financial Aid Academic Progress requirements. The Financial Aid Academic Progress requirements must be met for students to qualify for financial aid. Students may submit financial aid appeals directly to the Financial Aid Office for reinstatement of their aid eligibility if the enrollment records exceed the maximum units for their program of study, or their GPA drops below 2.0.

*Reference: CCR Title 5 Section 55046*

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