

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 Probation card located on the Student page 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 Mt. SAC grade point average (GPA) is below 2.00. You are on **Progress Probation** when you've enrolled in at least 12 units and 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 are 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**. If you don't return to Good Standing after that, you will be **Dismissed** from Mt. SAC for one semester.

❖ 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 card located on the Student page of your portal. If you experienced extenuating circumstances that affected your academic performance or if you did well in your most recent term, *definitely* appeal your dismissal. Check the Probation card and/or your notification from Admissions about the appeals process.

If you don't appeal, or your appeal is denied, you must sit out **one** semester. After **one** semester has passed, you can return by re-applying to Mt. SAC 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. Keep raising that GPA!

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! If you are on Probation or Continued Probation, you can still enroll in 12 units for the next semester (Spring or Fall). You are also 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 classes 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. Reducing 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 classes are part of your academic history and must be accurately represented on your transcript. When you repeat a class, the original grade will still be visible on your Mt. SAC transcript. However, the original grade 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 class may benefit you because the new grade automatically replaces the **D** or **F** grade in the calculation of your GPA. If the class was for your major and/or a general education class such as ENGL 1A, you must repeat it. In other cases, speak with a counselor about whether you should repeat a class or not.

Remember, when you repeat a class, 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 class in which I earned a D, F, W, or NP/NPV?**

You can repeat a class 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, you can remove **NP/NPV** units from the calculation of progress probation.

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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