

ACADEMIC RENEWAL

Past substandard academic performance may not, for a variety of reasons, be reflective of a student's subsequent demonstrated ability. Academic renewal permits the alleviation of all or part of such substandard academic performance at Sierra College in cases where the past work may impair the student's progress toward a legitimate educational or career goal. Grades approved for renewal will remain on the student's transcript; however, the grades will no longer be included in the computation of the student's GPA.

A request for academic renewal must meet the following guidelines:

1. The student must have completed a minimum of 18 units with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher in all courses attempted since taking the courses to be alleviated.
2. A minimum of 12 months must have elapsed since the substandard grades were earned.
3. The number of units alleviated may not exceed 30 units, or be in excess of the number of units satisfactorily completed by the student since taking the courses to be alleviated, whichever is lower.
4. Academic Renewal can only be applied to "D" and "F" grades.

A student seeking academic renewal must meet with a Sierra College counselor to complete an Academic Renewal petition. The petition must be signed by the counselor before it is submitted to a campus Admissions and Records office. If any of the required 18 units are earned at another college, an official transcript must be submitted with the petition. The Academic Standards Committee will review the request. For further information, contact a counselor.

Reference: Sierra College Administrative Procedure 4240 (http://www.sierracollege.edu/_files/resources/about-us/board/policies/chapter4/Administrative-Procedure-4240.pdf).