

Academic Policies and Procedures

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Academic freedom of instructors and students is essential to the mission of the College in order to stimulate intellectual curiosity and inquiry, self-questioning, and to foster the search for truth. To this end, faculty academic freedom shall be assured, subject to limitation imposed by law, by the academic standards of the College and the state, by the rights of students to be free from any reprisals, and by the students' rights to an objective presentation of the subject matter.

GRADING POLICY

Grades and Grade Points

Course instructors determine the grade awarded to each student. The instructor's determination is final in the absence of mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence.

Course accomplishment is indicated by seven grades, five of which are passing. Each grade and its value in grade points are shown below:

A	Excellent	4 grade points per unit
B	Good	3 grade points per unit
C	Satisfactory	2 grade points per unit
D	Passing, less than satisfactory	1 grade point per unit
I	Incomplete	0 grade points, 0 units
F	Failing	0 grade points
P	Credit, satisfactory or better	0 grade points, normal units
NP	No Pass . . . , less than satisfactory; completed course without achievement (See progress probation/dismissal policy)	0 grade points, 0 units
W	Withdrawal (by the 13th semester week) (see progress probation/dismissal policy)	0 grade points, 0 units
IP	In Progress	0 grade points, 0 units
RD	Report Delayed	0 grade points, 0 units
MW	Military Withdrawal	0 grade points, 0 units

Grade Point Average

A student's grade point average is calculated by dividing the total number of grade points by the total number of units attempted. Grades of "F" are considered in determining the grade point average. Grades earned in non-degree applicable courses are not included in calculating the GPA. Pass (P) no pass (NP), and grades earned in non-degree applicable courses are not included in calculating the grade point average.

Pass/No Pass Grading System

The purpose of pass/no pass grading is to provide a more appropriate method of evaluation in courses taught for the purpose of establishing a minimum level of proficiency in various subject areas or to evaluate the subjects where fine gradations of achievements are not meaningful. This system is not intended to be used by students in their major courses unless courses are only taught in a pass/no pass mode.

The following regulations implement these two objectives:

1. A pass/no pass grade may be arranged between the student and the instructor in any course for which the option is available. The arrangement must be made within the first 30% of the semester for a full-term course or 30% of the class meetings in a short course.
2. Courses taken by pass/no pass are disregarded in determining a student's grade point average, but shall be considered in progress probation and dismissal.
3. A student may not apply more than 12 units of courses taken by pass/no pass grading system toward fulfillment of requirements for the A.A. or A.S. degrees. These 12 units may be in addition to units completed in courses graded pass/no pass only.
4. A credit grade is equivalent to a passing grade of "C" or better, indicating satisfactory completion of course requirements. A no credit grade is equivalent to a "D" or "F," indicating less than satisfactory completion of course requirements.
5. A student should check with a college counselor concerning transfer of a pass/no pass grade to a four-year college or university.

Incomplete Work

The grade "I" may be recorded when students doing passing work and regularly attending at least 75% of a course are unable to take the final exam or otherwise complete the course because of illness or other unforeseeable emergency and justifiable reasons. It is the student's responsibility to clear the incomplete grade within one year. A student may not clear an incomplete grade by re-enrolling in the course. The condition for removal of the "I" shall be stated by the instructor in the incomplete contract. This contract shall contain the conditions for removal of the "I" and the default grade should the incomplete course requirements never be met. It will be sent to the student, with a copy to remain on file in Admissions and Records at Aptos until the "I" is made up or the time limit has passed. A final grade shall be assigned when the work stipulated has been completed and evaluated or when the one year for completing the work has passed. A student may petition to the instructor or division, with a copy to the Director of Admissions and Records, for an extension due to unusual circumstances. The "I" shall not be used in calculating units attempted or for grade points.

"W" Grades

The deadlines listed below are for full-term semester courses. Short courses (including all summer and Wintersession courses) have shorter individual deadlines, which may be obtained from Admissions and Records at Aptos or the Watsonville Center, or from instructors.

After the second week of the semester, a student who wishes to withdraw from a course should first consult with the instructor.

If the withdrawal is during the first four weeks of a semester for a full-term course, the course name and number will not appear on the student's permanent record.

Beginning with the fifth week of a semester and through the sixth week, a student who withdraws from a full-term course will receive a "W" grade. The course name and number and this grade will appear on his/her permanent records.

Beginning with the seventh week of a semester and through 75% of the term, the instructor of a student who withdraws may issue the student a "W," an "NC," or "F" grade. The course name and number and the grade will appear on the student's permanent record.

After 75% of the course has elapsed, no "W" will be issued and the student will receive a grade.

If a student withdraws from school due to extenuating circumstances such as verified cases of accident, illness, or other circumstances beyond the student's control, the instructor will use discretion in granting the student an "NC," "F," or "W" grade.

Instructors have the sole responsibility for granting or changing all grades in their courses. If instructors are no longer available, incomplete grades may be completed only by Division Deans, based on grade records and subsequent evaluation.

"MW" Symbol

The "MW" shall be assigned only for students who are members of an active or reserve military service and who receive orders compelling a withdrawal from courses. Upon verification of such orders, the symbol may be assigned at any time after the period established by the Governing Board during which no notation is made for withdrawal. The "MW" shall not be counted in progress probation and dismissal calculations.

Grade Changes

When grade changes are made because of the alleviation policy or authorized repeating of a course, appropriate annotations shall be entered on the student's permanent record in such a manner that all work remains legible, insuring a true and complete academic history.

Good Standing

A student will be considered in good standing if the overall grade point average is 2.0 or higher. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university or obtain an Associate Degree must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher. Excessive No Credit, Incomplete, and Withdrawal grades will place a student on probation.

Transcript of Cabrillo Work

Upon written request of a student, an official transcript of his/her record will be prepared by the Admissions and Records Office. Two transcripts of the student's record will be processed without charge. After the first two, there is a \$3 charge. Students who need transcripts within three to five working days pay additional rush fees. Students may print their own registration schedules using WebAdvisor: My Class Schedule. Transcripts will not be provided if there is a delinquent charge on the student's record.

Scholastic Honors

"Honorable Mention" shall be noted for those students who graduate with an Associate Degree or who complete a Certificate of Proficiency with a 3.0 to 3.49 grade point average (GPA). "Honors" shall designate those students who achieve 3.5 to 3.74 GPA.

Those students who graduate with a 3.75 to 4.0 GPA shall be recognized as having achieved "High Honors."

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

As authorized by the California Education Code, Section 78207, credit by examination may be granted if all the following conditions are met:

1. The course is listed in the current Cabrillo College *Catalog*. Although not every course may be credited by examination, a course to be credited by exam must be currently available and be on a list of appropriate courses kept in the office of the Vice President, Instruction.
2. The student receiving the credit is currently registered in class(es), is in good standing (2.0 grade point average), and has completed a minimum of 12 units at Cabrillo. In special circumstances involving sequential courses in a transfer program or involving certain requirements in an occupational program, a student may appeal to the Academic Council to set aside the 12-unit requirement. Units for which credit is awarded by examination shall not be counted in determining the 12 semester hours in residence toward an A.A./A.S. Degree, nor are they considered part of a semester load.
3. Students who fulfill specific requirements under formal articulation agreements with area high schools and/or Regional Occupational Programs (ROP) may be granted credit without taking further examinations at Cabrillo College.
4. The number of units to be granted is not greater than that listed for the course in the Cabrillo College *Catalog*.
5. Credit has not been granted previously at the same or more advanced level if the course is in a departmental sequence based on prerequisites.
6. Arrangements for the administration of the credit by examination have been made with an authorized instructor who will agree to administer the examination.

7. The student completes an appropriate Credit by Examination request form, which may be obtained from Admissions and Records at Aptos or Watsonville. The student pays for the units as for other units of credit.
8. The fee for the course is waived for high school students petitioning for credit by examination for articulated high school courses.
9. The student has not previously taken the course and received a substandard grade. Only one credit by exam attempt per course is allowed.

Examinations will be comprehensive enough to reflect the appropriate depth and breadth of the material normally covered in the course for which credit is requested. If the course challenged is part of a sequence, the student will be examined at the highest level s/he chooses and will not receive credit by examination for the lower levels.

Upon completion of the examination, the instructor in charge will verify the number of units to be received and assign an appropriate grade, that will then be recorded on the student's record.

The student's grade shall be recorded on his/her academic record, even if it is substandard. The student shall indicate before taking the examination whether s/he wishes to exercise a pass/no pass option. An examination may not be repeated.

The student's permanent record shall be clearly annotated to reflect that credit was earned by examination.

A list of courses that can be taken on this basis is in the Office of the Vice President, Instruction.

Transfer students should check with their receiving institutions about policies for using credit by examination scores and credits toward meeting admission and/or graduation requirements. Credit by Examination cannot be granted at both the community college and at the four-year college or university, and in some cases the four-year colleges and universities grant more units for credit by examination scores than do the community colleges.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Cabrillo College will grant college credit toward an A.A./A.S. Degree to students who earn scores of 3, 4, or 5 on advanced placement examinations given by the College Entrance Examination Board. Students must send an official copy of the AP result to Cabrillo if it is not posted on their official high school transcript. It is the responsibility of the student to see a counselor and petition for the use of AP credit toward a Cabrillo College degree.

To use AP results for completion of GE areas for transfer using either the IGETC or CSU GE, the student must request GE Certification from Cabrillo upon transfer. To determine how AP credits will be used at the four-year school for major preparation, please consult the catalog of the transfer school or see a Cabrillo College counselor. Duplicate credit will not be granted to students who have AP scores and take the equivalent college course. Credit will be granted for general education certification according to the following list.

Test Taken	CSU/Cabrillo Units Area	IGETC Area
Art (History)	3 SEM C1	3A- or 3B (AH 11)
Biology	3 SEM B2	*5B-(BIO 11A)
Chemistry	6 SEM B1 & B3	*5A-(CHEM 2)
Chinese Language & Culture	pending	3B and 6A
Economics: Macro	3 SEM D2	4B-(ECON 1A)
Economics: Micro	3 SEM D2	4B-(ECON 1B)
English: Lang/Comp	3 SEM A2	1A-(ENGL 1A)
English Lit/Comp	6 SEM A2 & C2	1A-(ENGL 1A) or 3B (ENGL 1B)
Environmental Science	pending	5A with lab
French: Language	6 SEM C2	3B-(FREN 3 or 4) and 6A
French: Literature	6 SEM C2	3B-(FREN 25 or 39C) and 6A
German Language	6 SEM C2	3B-(GRMN 3 or 4) and 6A
Geography: Human	pending	4E
Gov't & Politics: US	3 SEM D8	4H-(PS 1)
Gov't & Politics: Comp	3 SEM D8	4H-(PS 2)
History: European	3 SEM D6	3B or 4F-(HIST 4B)
History: U.S.	3 SEM D6	3B or 4F-(HIST 17B)
History: World	3 SEM D6	3B or 4F-(HIST 17B)
Italian Language & Culture	pending	3B and 6A
Japanese Language & Culture	pending	3B and 6A
Latin: Vergil	3 SEM C2	3B and 6A
Latin: Literature	3 SEM C2	3B and 6A
Mathematics: Calc AB	3 SEM B4	2A-(MATH 5A)
Mathematics: Calc BC	3 SEM B4	*2A-(MATH 5B)
Music Theory	3 SEM C1	
Physics B	6 SEM B1 & B3	*5A-(PHYS 2A)
Physics C (M)	3 SEM B1 & B3	*5A-(PHYS 11)
Physics C (EM)	3 SEM B1 & B3	*5A-(PHYS 11)
Psychology	3 SEM D9	4I-(PSYCH 1)
Spanish: Language	6 SEM C2	3B--(SPAN 3 or 4) and 6A
Spanish: Literature	6 SEM C2	3B--(SPAN 25 or 26) and 6A
Statistics	3 SEM B4	2A-(MATH 12)

pending: please check with a Cabrillo counselor for information.

The following restrictions apply:

1. Students transferring to a UC campus receive a total of 8 quarter/5.33 semester units for both English tests combined. Students must score at least a "4" in the English AP exams to receive credit at some UC campuses. Please check with a Cabrillo College counselor.
2. *AP exams in Biology, Chemistry or Physics B allow CCC campuses to apply 4 semester or 5 quarter units to IGETC certification. For Environmental Science, Physics C: Mechanics and Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism, 3 semester or 4 quarter units are applied for IGETC certification. Therefore, students who complete these exams will be required to complete at least 4 semester or 5 quarter units to satisfy the minimum units for Area 5.

3. The Critical Thinking area (Area 1B-IGETC & Area A3-CSU-GE) cannot be met by AP exams.
4. Actual AP transfer credit awarded for admission is determined by the CSU and UC. The UC Policy for AP credit can be found in the publication Quick Reference for Counselors at www.universityof-california.edu/counselors/educators.
5. For use in transfer to private institutions, students must refer to the catalog of the school to which they plan to transfer.

ARTICULATION WITH FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITIES

The Cabrillo College Articulation Office, Room 104, develops both lower division major preparation and general education agreements (articulation) with public four-year universities. These agreements can be found at www.assist.org. Links to these agreements as well as articulation agreements with private schools and universities can be found on the Cabrillo Transfer and Articulation website <http://www.cabrillo.edu/services/articulation/info/studindex.htm>

CREDIT THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL ARTICULATION

Cabrillo College will grant credit for courses formally articulated with area high schools in occupational areas where articulation agreements have been signed. Upon enrolling at Cabrillo College, students who have met the specific conditions of the articulation agreement may petition the Admissions and Records Department for credit (credit by exam.) The students' high school instructors will provide agreed upon information for consideration of college credit. The forms necessary to petition for credit are available at www.cabrillo.edu/services/hsoutreach/.

In addition, most area high schools have articulation agreements in place with Cabrillo College for course placement in foreign language and math, based on the level completed in high school. For details, visit the Cabrillo College High School Articulation Web Page at www.cabrillo.edu/services/hsoutreach/

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS AND SPECIAL CREDIT

Students requesting credit or advanced placement because of an external examination or previous equivalent experience may be considered under the following conditions:

1. Transfer students will be subject to the regulations of the institution to which they are transferring as to acceptance or rejection of external examinations for credit towards the Baccalaureate Degree. California State University General Education (CSU GE) credit and credit toward completion of IGETC will be granted according to the Cabrillo College Advanced Placement policy. In order to use AP scores for CSU GE or IGETC completion, a student must request certification upon transfer.
2. Information on advanced placement policy is available in the Counseling Division, the Transfer and Articulation section of the Cabrillo College website and in the College *Catalog*.
3. College credit toward the A.A./A.S. Degrees will be granted to students who earn scores of 3, 4, or 5 on Advanced Placement examinations given by the College Entrance Examination Board. (Please refer to the Advanced Placement section for more detail.)

REPETITION OF COURSES

- A. Except for the following specified cases, repetition of courses at Cabrillo College will not be allowed. One of the following conditions must be present for the repetition to be allowed.
 1. Substandard Grades: A student may repeat a course in which a substandard grade was received. Substandard grade is defined as D, F, or NC. Grades awarded for courses repeated under the above circumstances shall be entered on the student's record, insuring a true and complete academic history. The previous grades and units will be disregarded in the computation of grade point averages. Students who need to repeat math courses more than twice should meet with a counselor. A course may be repeated only once without an approved petition to the Academic Council.
 2. Satisfactory Grades: Under special circumstances, a student may request to repeat a course once for which a satisfactory grade has been recorded (a grade of A, B, C, or Credit). This repetition will be permitted with written permission of the Superintendent/President or his/her designee. Grades awarded for courses repeated under these conditions shall not be used in calculating a student's grade point average at Cabrillo College and will not be used by four-year colleges and universities to calculate the units or grade point average for admission purposes. Students may repeat courses for which they received satisfactory grades under the following circumstances:
 - a. When the student's previous grade is, at least in part, the result of extenuating circumstances and if the student secures written permission to repeat the course from the involved division.
 - b. There has been a significant lapse of time (two years) since the beginning of the last semester of enrollment in the course.
 - c. When a student needs to update his/her knowledge of course material due to a significant lapse of time since the course was completed.
 - d. When the course is required for recertification or relicensing every two to four years as determined by an outside agency.
3. Repeatable Courses: The College shall identify courses in the *Catalog* that are repeatable up to a maximum of three times beyond the first enrollment based on the course content differing each time it is offered. Students who repeat the course should gain an expanded educational experience for one of the following reasons:
 - a. Active participatory experience in individual or group assignments is the basic means by which learning objectives are obtained.
 - b. Skills or proficiencies are enhanced by supervised repetition and practice within class periods. See course descriptions to determine transferability to UC and CSU.
 - c. Course repetition limitations are applied per course in visual and performing arts disciplines if the course is in the transfer curriculum. For all other activity courses, the repetition limitation applies to the subject matter. (Extended repetition of certain music courses, as designated in this *Catalog*, may be permitted for music majors.)
4. Section 504: Repetition is permitted to meet the requirements of Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, 29, USC Section 794.

5. Credits from previously attended institutions: In determining how courses taken at previously attended colleges or universities will be used for an A.A./A.S. Degree at Cabrillo College, course repetition policies implemented by the previously attended institution will be honored. Students will not be allowed to earn unit or grade credit for a Cabrillo College course that is the same in content as a course taken at a previously attended college or university and for which the student has earned academic credit. Content equivalencies will be determined by the Cabrillo College Articulation Officer.
- B. 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.

Academic Renewal

Academic renewal is an option available to those students whose past academic record does not reflect their current demonstrated level of academic performance. The intent of academic renewal is to alleviate such a record and thereby facilitate a student's progress toward graduation, certification, or transfer.

A student may request that his/her record be reviewed for academic renewal by the Academic Council under the following conditions:

1. Two years have elapsed since the substandard grades were awarded. (Substandard grades are defined as "D," "F," or "NC.");
2. The student has subsequently completed 12 units of letter-graded work with a 3.0 grade point average or 24 units of letter-graded work with a 2.0 grade point average;
3. Not more than 30 units may be renewed;
4. A prerequisite course in a sequence of courses within a discipline for which the subsequent course has been completed with a satisfactory grade may not be renewed.

Students desiring academic renewal should obtain a petition from a counselor, who will determine if the conditions have been met. Signed petitions will be sent to the Director of Admissions and Records, who will act for the Academic Council. If the above conditions are met, the petition will be granted. Cases needing special deliberation will be brought directly to the Academic Council. A student may petition for academic renewal of his/her Cabrillo record with an official transcript from another college or university, if the above conditions are met.

Alleviated grades will have the code "04" (alleviation of unsatisfactory grade) on the transcript next to the grade, or the letter R (Replaced).

Academic renewal at Cabrillo College does not guarantee that other colleges will accept such action. This determination will be made by the respective transfer institutions.

ACADEMIC PROBATION AND DISMISSAL POLICY

The Cabrillo College District Governing Board in accordance with California Administrative Code, Title 5, establishes within the academic regulations, procedures whereby students may petition for reinstatement in Cabrillo College in the event of their failure to maintain the required standards. The standards set forth by the District shall include the following categories:

Academic Probation

1. Probation based on grade point average: A student who has attempted at least 12 letter graded units (A-F), as shown by the official cumulative records, shall be placed on academic probation if he/she has earned a grade point average below 2.0 in all units which were graded on the basis of the grading described in Board Policy 3210.

Progress Probation

2. Probation based on failure to maintain satisfactory progress: A student who has attempted a total of at least 12 units, as shown by the official cumulative record, shall be placed on progress probation when the percentage of all units enrolled, and in which a "W," "I," and "NC" have been recorded, reaches or exceeds 50 percent.

Dismissal

3. A student shall be subject to dismissal if in three consecutive semesters, either or both of the following criteria are applicable:
 - a. The student's cumulative grade point average is less than 2.0 GPA in all units attempted.
 - b. The cumulative total of units in which the student has been enrolled for which entries of "W," "I," or "NC" has been recorded, reaches or exceeds 50 percent.

The two probationary criteria described above will be applied in such a manner that a student may be placed on probation under either or both systems, and subsequently may be dismissed under either or both systems.

Cabrillo College will publish in this *Catalog*, procedures and conditions for probation and/or dismissal, appeal of probation and/or dismissal, request for removal of probation, and request for reinstatement. Notification to students of probation and dismissal shall occur at or near the beginning of the semester in which it will take effect.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Students who do not maintain the academic standards described in Board Policy 6070 are subject to dismissal from Cabrillo College for one semester. Those who wish to return after being unregistered for one semester should meet with a counselor to review academic goals and other relevant concerns to having a successful educational experience.

Students who want to be reinstated immediately should obtain the recommendation of a counselor and give the reinstatement petition to the Director of Admissions and Records for review. If the petition is denied, the student may appeal the decision to the Dean of Student Services.

Students who petition for reinstatement must describe what changes now cause them to expect success, what their educational goals are, and in which courses they wish to enroll in the stated term. Examples of changes may include such conditions as reduced work hours and improved health. Students will be removed from probation when the cumulative grade point average is 2.0 or higher and/or when the percentage of units for which there are entries of "W," "I," and "NC," drops below fifty percent (50%).

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is the conscious or inadvertent failure to identify the contributions of others. It occurs when someone borrows any part of another's work and submits it, as his or her own work without crediting its author. A failure to credit others may result in one or more of the following: a student receiving a failing grade on the assignment, a failing grade for the course, or suspension from the college. Students are expected to know how to credit sources, how to quote and paraphrase, and how to avoid plagiarizing the work of others. If you are unsure, ask your instructor for assistance before you submit your work for credit.

BASIC SKILLS

Enrollment in precollegiate basic skills coursework is limited to 30 semester units of instruction, except for students enrolled in English as a Second Language courses or who are identified as having a learning disability. The 30-unit limit may be waived if students show significant, measurable progress toward the development of skills appropriate to their enrollment in college-level courses.

Appeal and Waiver Procedures

1. A student seeking to waive or appeal the unit limitation on enrollment in precollegiate basic skills courses shall submit a petition to an academic counselor. The counselor shall meet with the student to review educational records and faculty progress reports and to develop an academic plan for the next semester. The counselor shall forward the student petition, the plan, student records, and faculty progress reports to the Vice President, Student Services, who shall forward them, with a recommendation, to the Academic Council subcommittee for student appeals.
2. If, after review of student records and faculty progress reports, the Academic Council finds the student has made consistent and significant progress but has not quite attained eligibility for college courses, the Academic Council may grant a waiver. The petition indicating the action taken by the Academic Council shall be given to the Director of Admissions and Records, who shall notify the student of the decision on the waiver.
3. Permission to waive the 30-unit limit will allow the student to enroll in basic skills courses for a period not to exceed one semester and for a maximum of 10 basic skills units. A student may apply for additional waivers, but may receive waivers for a total of not more than 15 units.
4. The student shall sign a form acknowledging his/her knowledge of the limitations of the waiver.
5. Once a waiver is approved, the student will not be barred from registering in basic skills classes up to the maximum unit limit approved.
6. If the waiver is denied, the Director of Admissions and Records shall refer the student to appropriate adult education programs or community services.

7. A student may submit to the Director of Admissions and Records a petition for reinstatement upon the successful completion of coursework or a community services program and/or appropriate scores on the Cabrillo College assessment tests. The Academic Council Subcommittee on Student Appeals shall review the petition and grant or deny reinstatement on the basis of whether the student can demonstrate skill levels that will reasonably assure success in college level courses.

ATTENDANCE

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Students are expected to attend all classes and labs. Students who are absent because of illness should personally contact their instructors. Illness-related absences do not relieve students from the responsibility of making up any work missed. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain information concerning missed work and to see that it is completed and turned in.

Excessive Absence

Excessive absence is equal to a total of one hour more than the total hours the class meets per week in a full term semester. This applies equally to day, evening, summer, Wintersession, and weekend classes.

Absence from class in excess of two weeks will constitute reason for an instructor to withdraw a student from a full-term course. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw from classes. Failure to officially withdraw from classes may result in failing grades.

Attendance at First Class Meeting

Students who do not attend the first class meeting may be dropped and their seats filled by other students. Students should not, however, assume that they will be dropped. It is the student's responsibility to officially drop a course using HawkTalk or WebAdvisor online registration. If the instructor does drop the student from the class, there is no refund or reversal of charges. The student must drop by the deadline during the first two weeks of instruction for full-term courses. Short-term courses have much shorter deadlines, available from Admission and Records. To ensure a refund or reversal of charges for a short-term course, the course should be dropped by the student on the first day of class. If a student is unable to attend the first class meeting, it is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor before that class meeting and request that the seat be held. The instructor is under no obligation to honor this request.

EXCLUSION FROM CLASSES

When a student has excessive absences, causes disciplinary problems, or fails to obtain a satisfactory grade in a prerequisite course, the instructor may request the Admissions and Records Office withdraw the student from class.

REQUISITES

Prerequisites, Corequisites, Recommended Preparation, and Limitations on Enrollment

A **prerequisite** is a course or body of knowledge that must be satisfactorily completed before a student may register in another course. Cabrillo College enforces prerequisites. Satisfactory completion is defined by a "C" or better grade or a "CR" grade.

A **corequisite** is a course that must be taken concurrently with another course. When a student registers for a class requiring a corequisite class, s/he must register for both classes at the same time. If s/he does not register for both classes, neither class will be processed during registration. All other classes not requiring corequisites will be processed.

Recommended preparation is a course or body of knowledge that a student should complete but is not required to complete before registering for another course.

Limitations on enrollment may occur for courses that involve public performance or intercollegiate competition, including but not limited to band, orchestra, theatre, competitive speech, chorus, journalism, dance, and intercollegiate athletics; courses that carry an honors designation; or blocks of courses or course sections designed to create a specific student group.

If a student believes he/she has satisfied the prerequisite at another college or in other ways, he/she must bring documentation to a counselor for input into the computer. See additional information in this *Catalog*, the *Schedule of Classes* and on the Cabrillo website, www.cabrillo.edu.

CHALLENGING COURSE REQUISITES AND LIMITATIONS

Challenging course requisites and/or limitations on enrollment requires written documentation that explains the alternative course work, background, and/or abilities that adequately prepare a student for the course. Students may obtain a Requisite Challenge Form from the Matriculation Office, SAC 213 or online at www.cabrillo.edu PFD forms. If space is available in a course when a student files a challenge to the prerequisite or corequisite, the College shall reserve a seat for the student and resolve the challenge within five academic calendar workdays for the Fall and Spring semesters. Winter and summer intersessions have different timelines. Check the Matriculation Office for additional information (831) 477-3242. Reasons for challenging requisites or limitations may include one or more of the following:

- 1) a requisite course is not reasonably available;
- 2) the student believes the requisite or limitation was established in violation of a regulation or district-approved process for establishing requisites and limitations;
- 3) the student believes the requisite or limitation is discriminatory or being applied in a discriminatory manner; or
- 4) the student has the documented knowledge or ability to succeed in the course without meeting the requisite and/or limitation.

When a student successfully challenges a requisite, s/he does not receive credit for the requisite course. As a result, transfer students who successfully challenge a transferable requisite may be missing credit for coursework required by their transfer institution. Transfer students should first consult with a Cabrillo counselor.

We encourage students to take advantage of the Matriculation services, as this will help them progress towards their goals in the fastest amount of time with the correct courses needed for degrees, certificates and transfer.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Finals are required in all courses. A schedule of final examinations is published in each *Schedule of Classes*. Students are to take examinations as printed in the *Schedule of Classes*. In case of a severe illness that prevents the student from taking the examination at the scheduled period, the instructor should be notified prior to the exam, and as soon as possible the student should arrange with his/her instructor to make up the examination.

VETERANS

Certification of Veterans and Eligible Students for Veteran's Educational Benefits

The academic and progress, dismissal and re-admission policies for veterans and eligible dependents are the same as other Cabrillo students and are described in this *Catalog*. The policy for certification of veteran's educational benefits requires maintenance of a 2.0 grade point average. Fall and Wintersession grade point averages are reported together.

VA Satisfactory Academic Progress

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs regulations, students must maintain timely and satisfactory progress toward their educational objectives in order to be eligible for educational benefits. Satisfactory VA academic progress at Cabrillo College is defined as:

1. Enrolling in and completing the certified number of units required by the guidelines governing the program providing the funds:
 - a) If you are paid for full-time status (12 or more units), you must complete at least 12 units.
 - b) If you are paid for three-quarter time status (9-11 units), you must complete at least 9 units.
 - c) If you are paid for one-half time status (6-8 units), you must complete at least 6 units.
2. Attaining a minimum grade point average of 2.0 each semester. Receipt of an "F" or "NC" can reduce benefits if the student did not complete the course.
3. Not having completed more than 70 semester units of postsecondary coursework.

To maintain satisfactory academic progress, you must:

1. Declare an educational objective.
2. Complete an Educational plan with a counselor by the end of your first term.
3. Achieve course completion within your Educational plan with satisfactory grades (2.0 GPA or better).
4. Not have completed excess units of college education (more than 70 semester units or equivalent, including all prior schools attended).

VA Probation

Veterans and eligible students whose grade point average (GPA) for all course work at Cabrillo College falls below 2.0 ("C") will be placed on VA academic probation.

Veteran's Removal from Probation

Veterans and eligible students will be removed from VA academic probation upon earning a 2.0 ("C") average or better in all course work at Cabrillo College.

Dismissal and Discontinuation of Benefits

A veteran and eligible student who remains on probation for grade point deficiency below a 2.0 cumulative GPA beyond two semesters will have the veteran's benefits discontinued and any further certification of benefits terminated.

VETERANS

Courses offered by Cabrillo College are approved for training under programs administered by the Veterans Administration and the California Veterans Education Institute Act. Educational programs at Cabrillo College, both day and evening, are available. Veterans may be admitted to the College whether or not they are high school graduates. Students enrolled under the G.I. Bill receive stipends based on attendance and unit load.

Veterans Affairs in Admissions and Records, Enrollment Services Center, Building 100, provides services to meet the various needs of the veterans and to assist them in obtaining prompt receipt of their benefits. The office also provides information regarding tutorial assistance.

Each veteran who wishes to receive educational benefits should submit one copy of the Report of Separation from Active Duty, Form DD 214, to Veterans Affairs in Admissions and Records.

Form 22-1999V, Notice of Eligibility for Education or Training Benefits, which is issued by the service education officer upon release from active duty, may be used in lieu of the certified DD 214. All changes in addresses, unit loads, or withdrawals must be promptly reported to Veterans Affairs in Admissions and Records. See below for information regarding certification and VA Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Reinstatement

Veterans who have been dismissed from Cabrillo College may apply at the Admissions and Records Office for reinstatement after one semester of non-payment. Students who apply may be reinstated and recertified after completing a petition and an Educational Plan with a counselor and raising their cumulative GPA to 2.0 or better.

Veterans reinstated who have a grade point average of less than 2.0 for the term immediately following reinstatement shall not be eligible for reinstatement or recertification for a period of one academic year.

In extreme cases in which reinstatement resulted from mitigating circumstances, veterans ineligible for recertification under the above regulations may submit an appeal for specific consideration. Such documented exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the student, which rendered normal academic functioning unlikely or impossible, include hospitalization, injury, and family death.

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Each student should meet with a Cabrillo College Counselor during his/her first semester to develop an Educational plan. A student who completes requirements for an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science (A.A. or A.S.) Degree must apply for such degree and upon verification will receive a diploma. To apply for an A.A. or A.S. Degree, Certificate of Achievement, or Skills Certificate a student should make an appointment with a counselor at least nine weeks before the end of the semester in which all course work for the degree or certificate will be completed. The College hosts a College Graduation Ceremony each year. All eligible students who complete requirements for the Associate Degree in Arts or Science or any Certificate and have been awarded the degree or certificate are invited to participate. In accordance with California Education Codes, effective fall 2008 requirements include: English 1A and intermediate algebra.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Enforcement, interpretation, and waiving of academic regulations are handled by the Academic Council, a standing committee of the Faculty Senate.

The Academic Council makes recommendations on matters which affect the academic standards of the College, including consideration of admission, grading, graduation, and course transfer issues.

A student who wishes exemption from any college requirement shall prepare a petition after consultation with a counselor. The administration will apply policies established by the Council to student petitions.

CATALOG RIGHTS

Cabrillo College issues a new *Catalog* yearly. The courses required for a specific degree or certificate may change from one catalog to the next and often change during a student's tenure. For the purposes of meeting graduation requirements based on catalog rights, students may elect to meet the requirements of either:

- (1) The *Catalog* which was in effect at the time the student began his/her course work at Cabrillo, or
- (2) Any *Catalog* that is or has been in effect during the time that the student has maintained continuous enrollment before graduation.

Students maintain catalog rights by continuous enrollment at Cabrillo College. Continuous enrollment is defined as completion of at least one course per academic year. Documented military or medical leave, not exceeding two years, will not be considered an interruption of enrollment.

COURSE UNAVAILABILITY

A student's academic progress toward a degree or certificate should not be impeded due to course unavailability. Therefore, if a course in a designated field of study has not been taught for three consecutive semesters, the Program Chair, or in her/his absence, the Division Dean, in consultation with the appropriate department representative, will stipulate another course in lieu of the course required for graduation.

SUBSTITUTION OR WAIVER OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Cabrillo College recognizes that a disability may preclude a student from demonstrating required math, reading, and writing competencies or from completing course requirements necessary for an A.A. or A.S. Degree in the same manner in which non-disabled students are expected. The College also recognizes the need to accommodate students with documented disabilities to the greatest extent possible without compromising a disabled student's course of study and without compromising the integrity of any student's degree. Contact the Disabled Students Programs and Services office at (831) 479-6379 for further information.