

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CHALLENGE

PROCEDURES

ACADEMIC HONORS

Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society

Alpha Gamma Sigma Harbor College has been granted a charter for the Alpha Psi Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS), California Community College Honor Scholarship Society. The organization develops programs to enrich the total experience of community college students.

The following categories of membership are available: Temporary Membership is extended to all first-semester students who are life members of California Scholarship Federation; Partial Membership is attained by students completing twelve semester units in a maximum of three semesters at any recognized institution of higher education and having a cumulative grade point average of 3.0.

No units acquired more than two years prior to application are acceptable for this determination; Continuing Membership is achieved by maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or better (members receive one semester's grace for each semester of earned membership provided their GPA's are 2.5 or better); and Permanent and Alumnus Memberships are granted to persons who have maintained a GPA of 3.5 in all college work or to continuing members of AGS (for at least two semesters) who have a GPA of 3.25 or better in all college work. Students who meet these qualifications must make an application and pay dues in order to become members of AGS. Gold seals are affixed to the diplomas of students who qualify for permanent membership.

Dean's Honor List

The College gives recognition to scholars each semester by publishing the Dean's and President's Honor Lists. Full-time students are placed on the Dean's List if they have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or better in twelve or more units.

Part-time students are placed on the Dean's List if they have 12 or more cumulated units completed at Harbor College and have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or better in six to eleven units. Students recognized on the Dean's List must be in good academic standing (not on academic or progress probation). Summer sessions do not count as qualifying semesters for the Dean's or Presidents lists. Grades of "Credit", "No Credit" and "Incomplete" are not counted in meeting the unit requirement. Only grades from courses completed at Harbor College will be used in calculating the grade point average.

President's Award for Outstanding Student Leader

This award will be presented annually to a student at Los Angeles Harbor College who has performed outstanding leadership and service to the college.

Nominees must be registered students at Los Angeles Harbor College carrying a minimum of 9 units for day students or 6 units for evening students.

Nominees must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 for all course work at a District College.

Nominees must have performed outstanding leadership and service to the college. (This award is not limited to those serving in student government.)

President's Distinguished Honor Award

The President's Distinguished Honor Award is one of the most significant and praiseworthy honors available to students in the Los Angeles Community College District. This certificate is awarded at the College Commencement exercises. In order to be considered for the award, a candidate must:

Petition for the Associate Degree

Achieve a grade-point-average of 3.70 or better in all college work attempted at the time of petition, and be in good standing.

Complete at least 50% of all units utilized for the award within the Los Angeles Community College District.

Achieve a grade-point-average of 3.70 and be in good standing in all college work attempted at the end of the Fall semester or the Spring semester.

Note: Spring candidates for this award will be listed as Candidates in the graduation program. After the final grade point evaluation, if the student achieved a 3.70 GPA, he or she will be awarded the President's Distinguished Honor Award. Students who possess Associate, equivalent or advanced degrees are not eligible for this award.

President's Honor List

Students whose names appear on the Dean's List for three consecutive semesters are eligible for the President's Honor List.

ACADEMIC AND PROGRESS PROBATION

Standards for academic and progress probation shall be applied as required by regulations adopted by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Probation shall be determined based on student course work dating from Fall, 1981; course work completed prior to Fall of 1981 is excluded from probation calculations.

A student shall be placed on probation if any one of the following conditions prevail:

1. **Academic Probation.** The student has attempted a minimum of 12 semester units of work and has a grade-point-average less than a "C" (2.0).
2. **Progress Probation.** The student has enrolled in a total of at least 12 semester units and the percentage of all units in which a student has enrolled and for which entries of "W" (Withdrawal), "I" (Incomplete), "NC" (No Credit) and "NP" (No Pass) are recorded reaches or exceeds fifty percent (50%).

Removal from Probation

A student shall be removed from probation upon meeting the criteria specified in this section.

Academic Probation.

A student on academic probation for a grade point deficiency shall be removed from probation when the student's cumulative grade-point-average is 2.0 or higher.

Progress Probation.

A student on progress probation because of an excess of units for which entries of No-Credit (NC), No Pass (NP), Incomplete (I), and/or Withdrawal (W) are recorded shall be removed from probation when the percentage of units in this category drops below fifty per cent (50%).

ATTENDANCE

The student is expected to attend every meeting of all classes for which he or she is registered. A student absent from classes for emergency reasons must inform his or her instructor of the reason for the absence.

Students who have pre-registered for a class and who do not attend the first meeting of the class forfeit their right to a place in the class. Mitigating circumstances may be considered by the instructor. Whenever absences "in hours" exceed the number of hours the class meets per week, the student may be excluded from class by the instructor.

It is the student's responsibility to drop from class. Any drops or exclusions that occur between the end of the 4th week and the end of the 12th week (between 30% and 75% of the time the class is scheduled to meet, whichever is less) will result in a "W" on the student's record which will be included in the determination of progress probation. Drops are not permitted beyond the end of the 12th week (or 75% of the time the class is scheduled to meet, whichever is less).

An evaluative grade ("A", "B", "C", "D", "F", "P", or "NP") will be assigned to students who are enrolled past the end of the

12th week even if they stop attending class, except in cases of extenuating circumstances.

After the last day of the 12th week (or 75% of the time the class is scheduled, whichever is less) the student may withdraw from class upon petition demonstrating extenuating circumstances and after consultation with the appropriate faculty. For further details, refer to "W" section of "Grading Symbols and Definitions."

It is recognized that students may have legitimate reasons for not being able to attend the first meeting of a particular class. A student to whom this circumstance pertains must notify the instructor in writing, at least one working day in advance of the first class meeting, stating the reason(s) for the class absence.

It is highly recommended that the written notification be sent by certified or registered mail so that the student may have a record of the notification. The instructor will consider the mitigating circumstances in deciding whether or not to drop the student from the class. Good standing is defined as not being on academic or progress probation.

Auditing Classes

Students may be permitted to audit a class under the following conditions:

1. Payment of a fee of \$15 per unit. Fees may not be refunded. Students enrolled in classes to receive credit for ten or more semester units shall not be charged a fee to audit three or fewer semester units per semester.
2. No student auditing a course shall be permitted to change his or her enrollment in that course to receive credit for the course.
3. Priority in class enrollment shall be given to students desiring to take the course for credit.

COURSE REPETITION

Course Repetition to Improve Substandard Grades

No specific course or categories of courses shall be exempt from course repetition. This policy only applies to courses taken at colleges within the Los Angeles Community College District. Courses completed through the provisions of Board Rule 6704 – Credit by examination may not be used to remove a substandard grade. Substandard grades are defined as "D", "F", "NC", "NP".

First Course Repetition to Remove a Substandard Grade

Upon completion of a repeated course the highest grade earned will be computed in the cumulative grade point average and the student's academic record so annotated. All grades awarded will show on student's permanent records to insure a true and complete academic history.

Second Course Repetition to Remove a Substandard Grade

Upon completion of the second repetition, the grade used in computing the student's cumulative grade point average shall be the highest grade earned, and the student's record so annotated. The two lower substandard grades will not be used in the computation of the grade point average. All grades awarded will show on student's permanent records to insure a true and complete academic history.

Third Course Repetition to Remove a Substandard Grade

A student may repeat the same course for a third time provided the student has:

1. Received two substandard grades for the same district course.
2. Filed a petition specifying the course(s) to be repeated and stating the extenuating circumstances upon which the petition is based. "Extenuating circumstances" are verified cases of accidents, illness, or other circumstances beyond the control of the student.
3. The petition is approved by the local academic senate or a committee acting on behalf of the academic senate, and by the college president or designee.

Upon completion of the third repeat, the grade earned will not be used in the computation of the grade point average. All grades awarded will show on student's permanent records to insure a true and complete academic history.

Limit of Three (3) Attempts to Take the Same Course

Only three attempts at any one course will be allowed. Enrollment blocks on students who have had 3 attempts went into effect in summer 2012. All credit course repeats and withdrawals in a student's enrollment history will be counted towards the new limit, regardless of when they took the course. If the student has three recorded attempts for a course in any combination of "W", "D", "F", or "NP" grades, the student is not allowed to register for that course within the colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District.

Remedial Coursework Limit

No student shall receive more than 30 semester units of credit for remedial coursework. Students having exhausted the unit limitation shall be referred for further remedial work to appropriate adult noncredit education services. "Remedial coursework" refers to non-degree basic skills courses as defined in California Code of Regulation, Title 5, section 55000.

The following students are exempted from the limitation on remedial coursework:

1. Students enrolled in one or more courses of English as a Second Language (ESL).

2. Students identified by the district as having a learning disability as defined in section 56036.

Course Repetition: Special Circumstances

Repetition of courses for which substandard work has not been recorded shall be permitted only upon advance petition of the student and with written permission of the College President or designee based on a finding that circumstances exist which justify such repetition. In such repetition under special circumstances, the student's permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible. Grades awarded for repetition under special circumstances shall not be counted in calculating a student's grade-point-average.

Certain courses in the Catalog may be repeated for additional unit credit. These courses, marked "RPT" in the Course Section of the Catalog, allow the student an expanded educational experience each time the student enrolls in the course.

Enrollment in these courses is limited in any similar activity to a maximum of three repeats for a total of four (4) enrollments, regardless of the repeatability of individual courses.

The activity limitation also applies to courses which are not repeatable in themselves but for which similar activities exist. For example, there are several similar course titles in Art, Music, Theater, and Physical Education which are considered to be the same activity. A student may enroll four times in courses which are considered to be the same activity, such as twice in Theater 279, Musical Theater (RPT 3), and twice in Theater 280, Musical Theater Workshop (RPT 3).

Any combination may be used as long as 4 enrollments in one activity is not exceeded. A student may enroll in a specific required nursing class a maximum of three times. Enrollment is defined as attending at least one class meeting. However, a student who takes the same clinical nursing course two times, and who does not pass that course either time, may not repeat that course a third time.

This activity enrollment limitation begins with the Fall 1983 term. Excess enrollment will result in an administrative drop. Consult a counselor for the latest restricted activity enrollment list.

Note: Whenever the student's record is reviewed for the purpose of determining his or her unit credits, all of the student's record is reviewed, not just the course work since the beginning of Fall 1983.

DISMISSAL

A student shall be subject to dismissal and subsequently be dismissed under the conditions set forth within this section. Dismissal shall be determined based on student course work dating from Fall, 1981; course work completed prior to Fall of 1981 is excluded from dismissal calculations. For dismissal, "consecutive semester" are those where a break in the students enrollment does not exceed one full primary term.

Academic Probation: A student who is on academic probation shall be subject to dismissal if the student has earned a cumulative grade-point-average of less than 2.0 in all units attempted in each of three (3) consecutive semesters. A student

who is on academic probation and earns a semester grade-point-average of 2.0 or better shall not be dismissed as long as this minimum semester grade-point-average is maintained. For students receiving Veterans Benefits, if the Veteran fails to achieve a 2.0 grade-point average for two successive semesters, Veterans Benefits will terminate.

Progress Probation: A student who is on progress probation shall be subject to dismissal if the cumulative percentage of units in which the student has been enrolled for which entries of No-Credit (NC), Incomplete (I), and/or Withdrawal (W) are recorded in at least 3 consecutive semesters reaches or exceeds fifty percent (50%). A student who is on progress probation shall not be dismissed after a semester in which the percentage of units in which the student has been enrolled for which entries of "I," "W," and "NC" are recorded is less than fifty percent (50%).

Notification of Dismissal

A student who is subject to dismissal, and who has not been continued on probation throughout the appeal process, shall be notified by the College President, or designee, of dismissal which will become effective the semester following notification. Dismissal from any one college in the District shall disqualify a student from admission to any other college in the District.

Appeal of Dismissal

A student who is subject to dismissal may appeal to the Counseling Division Chair and the Vice President of Student Services. Dismissal may be postponed and the student continued on probation if the student shows significant improvement in academic achievement but has not been able to achieve to a level that would meet the requirements for removal from probation.

Readmission After Dismissal

A student who has been dismissed may request reinstatement after two (2) semesters (primary terms) have elapsed. The student shall submit a written petition requesting readmission to his/her home College in compliance with the College procedures. Readmission may be granted, denied, or postponed subject to fulfillment of conditions prescribed by the College. Readmitted students are returned to probationary status.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Final examinations are held in all subjects according to a schedule printed in the Schedule of Classes. No student will be excused from the final examinations. Should any circumstances develop requiring a special examination at a time other than the scheduled time, special authorization must be secured from the Dean of Instruction.

PREREQUISITES

Students may not concurrently enroll in and receive credit for an advanced course and its prerequisite(s). Students may not enroll in and receive credit for the prerequisite(s) to an advanced course if they have not successfully completed the advanced course. Violation of this regulation will result in exclusion from class and denial of course credit.

Course Prerequisite Policy

Prerequisite means the preparation or previous course work considered necessary for success in the course. The college REQUIRES students to complete prerequisites as pre-enrollment preparation (See Prerequisite Challenge Procedures for conditions under which a prerequisite may not be required). Prerequisites which are listed in the College Catalog include:

1. Courses for which specific prerequisites have been validated,
2. Sequential course work in a degree-applicable program, and/or
3. Sequential course work in certificate programs, and
4. Courses in which a prerequisite is necessary for transfer to a four-year college. (Students are directed to see a counselor prior to the first day of class for questions about prerequisites)

Prerequisite Challenge Procedures

A prerequisite challenge requires written documentation which explains alternative course work, background or abilities which have adequately prepared the student for the course. A *Prerequisite Challenge Petition* form, which is used to file a prerequisite challenge, can be obtained from the counseling office in the Student Services Administration. The form also available at the Mathematics Division Chair Office and English Division Chair Office both located in the Northeast Academic Building.

Reasons for seeking a prerequisite challenge may include one or more of the following:

1. A prerequisite is not reasonably available;
2. The student has the documented knowledge or ability to succeed in the course without meeting the prerequisite;
3. The student believes the prerequisite was established in violation of regulation or in violation of the District-approved processes;

4. The student believes the prerequisite is discriminatory or being applied in a discriminatory manner.

The prerequisite challenge must be completed within two weeks of the beginning of the semester in which the student plans to enroll. Upon filing the prerequisite challenge, the student may enroll into the desired class. If this challenge is not upheld the student will be dropped from the class.

Note: Students must have official transcripts on file in the Admissions and Records Office for all prerequisites completed at other institutions.

Grading Symbols and Definitions

Only the symbols in the grading scale given in this section shall be used to grade all courses offered in fulfillment of the requirements for an associate or baccalaureate degree, a certificate, diploma, or license.

Grades shall be averaged on the basis of the point equivalences to determine a student's grade-point-average, using the following evaluative symbols:

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade Point</u>
A	Excellent	4
B	Good	3
C	Satisfactory	2
D	Passing*	1
F	Failing	0
P	Passing**	
NP	No Pass***	

* Less than satisfactory

** At least equal to a "C" grade or better – units awarded are not counted in GPA. P has the same meaning as "CR" as that symbol was defined prior to June 30, 2007.

*** Equal to a "D" or "F" grade- units are not counted in GPA. NP has the same meaning as "NC" as that symbol was defined prior to June 30, 2007.

(P and NP grades may be given only in courses authorized by the District Pass/No Pass Option Policies.)

The following non-evaluative symbols may be entered on a student's record:

I - Incomplete

Incomplete academic work for unforeseeable, emergency, justifiable reasons at the end of the term may result in an "I" symbol being entered in the student's record.

The condition for removal of the "I" shall be stated by the instructor in a written record. This record shall contain the conditions for removal of the "I" and a record shall be given to the student. A copy will also be on file in the college Admissions Office 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 time limit for completing the work has passed.

The "I" symbol shall not be used in calculating units attempted nor for grade points. THE "I" MAY BE MADE UP NO LATER

THAN ONE YEAR FOLLOWING THE END OF THE TERM IN WHICH IT WAS ASSIGNED. The student may petition for a time extension due to unusual circumstances.

Note: Courses in which the student has received an Incomplete ("I") may not be repeated unless the "I" is removed and has been replaced by a grade of "D" or "F". This does not apply to courses which are repeatable for additional credit.

IP - In Progress

The "IP" symbol shall be used only in those courses which extend beyond the normal end of an academic term. "IP" indicates that work is "in progress," but that assignment of a substantive grade must await its completion. The "IP" symbol shall remain on the student's permanent record in order to satisfy enrollment documentation.

The appropriate evaluative grade and unit credit shall be assigned and appear on the student's record for the term in which the required work of the course is completed. The "IP" shall not be used in calculating grade-point-averages.

If a student enrolled in an "open-entry, open-exit" course is assigned "IP" at the end of an attendance period and does not complete the course during the subsequent attendance period, the appropriate faculty will assign an evaluative symbol (grade) as specified above to be recorded on the student's permanent record for the course.

RD – Report Delayed

The "RD" symbol is to be used when there is a delay in reporting the grade of a student due to circumstances beyond the control of the student. It is a temporary notation to be replaced by a permanent symbol as soon as possible. "RD" shall not be used in calculating grade point averages.

W - Withdrawal

Withdrawal from a class or classes shall be authorized through the last day of the twelfth week of instruction or 75% of the time the class is scheduled to meet, whichever is less. No notation ("W" or other) shall be made on the record of a student who withdraws during the first four weeks, or 30% of the time the class is scheduled, whichever is less.

Withdrawal between the end of the fourth week (or 30% of the time the class is scheduled to meet, whichever is less) and the last day of the twelfth week of instruction (or 75% of the time the class is scheduled to meet, whichever is less) shall be authorized after informing the appropriate faculty. A student who remains in class beyond the twelfth week or 75% of the time the class is scheduled shall be given a grade other than a "W," except in cases of extenuating circumstances.

After the last day of the twelfth week (or 75% of the time the class is scheduled, whichever is less), and after consultation with the appropriate faculty, students should obtain a petition in the Admissions Office. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illness, or other circumstances beyond the control of the student. Withdrawal after the end of the twelfth week (or 75% of the time the class is scheduled, whichever is less) which has been authorized in extenuating circumstances shall be recorded as "W." The "W" shall not be used in calculating units attempted nor for the student's

grade-point-average. "W's" will be used as factors in progress probation and dismissal.

MW - Military Withdrawal

"Military withdrawal" occurs when a student who is a member of an active or reserve United States military service receives orders compelling a withdrawal from courses. Upon verification of such orders, a "MW" may be assigned at any time after 30% of the time the class is scheduled to meet. No notation ("W" or other) shall be made on the records of a student who withdraws during the first 30% of the time the class is scheduled. Enrollment fees will be refunded with military withdrawals. Military withdrawals shall not be counted in progress probation and dismissal calculations.

Grades and Grade Changes

The instructor of the course shall determine the grade to be awarded to each student in accordance with the preceding Grading Symbols and Definitions Policy. The determination of the student's grade by the instructor is final in the absence of mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence. The removal or change of an incorrect grade from a student's record shall only be done upon authorization by the instructor of the course.

In the case of fraud, bad faith, or incompetence, the final determination concerning removal or change of grade will be made by the College President. Petitions for Grade Review must be filed with the Admissions and Records Office within one year from the last day of the semester in which the disputed grade was awarded.

SPECIAL CREDIT

Credit by Examination

The College may designate courses listed in the College Catalog wherein any student who satisfies the following requirements may be granted credit by examination in place of enrolling in and completing such courses:

1. Be currently registered and have a minimum cumulative grade-point-average of 2.0.
2. Have completed 12 units within the Los Angeles Community College District.
3. Is not currently enrolled in, or has not completed a more advanced course in this discipline.
4. Prerequisites (if any) for course are complete.

Limitation on Petitioning for Examination: The maximum number of units for which a student may petition for credit by examination for the Associate degree at the College shall be 15 units.

Maximum Units Allowable: The maximum number of credit by examination units with a grade of "P" that may be applied toward graduation requirements shall be limited to 15 units.

Acceptance Towards Residence: Units for which credit is given pursuant to the provision of this section shall not be counted in determining the 12 units of credit in residence requirement.

Recording of Grade: Credit by examination shall be entered on the student's record as "P" or "NP" (or "CR" or "NC" prior to June 30, 2007) as provided by the District Grading Symbols and Definitions Policy. The student's record shall also be annotated "Credit by Examination".

The college grants credit by examination to students who can demonstrate mastery of specific subject matters. The purpose is to avoid needless repetition and to allow appropriate credit for knowledge not acquired in the classroom. Credit by examination may be recognized in the following ways:

Advanced Placement: Credit for AP tests may be made by each department on a petition basis. Each student should also check AP credits given by the university to which they want to transfer as this differs from campus to campus. Consult a counselor for procedures at Harbor College and policies of universities.

College-Administered Examination: Satisfactory completion of an examination administered by the College according to the district policy stated above. Achievement based on examinations administered by other agencies must be approved by the College. The charge for college-administered credit by exam is \$20 per unit, subject to change by the state legislature or the LACCD Board of Trustees.

CLEP: After completing 12 units at Harbor College, a registered student in good academic standing (not on probation) may petition for College Level Examination Program credit. The student must file a General Petition in the Admissions Office. Harbor College will grant 3 elective units for each of the five General Examinations passed with a score of 500 or higher. No specific course credit is granted for CLEP, and it cannot be used to fulfill General Education requirements, except by General Petition.

The student may be granted a maximum of 15 units of credit, with a three-unit maximum in each of the following areas: English Composition; Social Science/History (this credit will not satisfy the general education requirement in American Institutions); Natural Sciences, not including a laboratory requirement; Mathematics; and Humanities.

Students may not receive credit by enrollment in or by examination for the prerequisite(s) to an advanced course if they have completed the advanced course.

Students who qualify under (a), (b), and (c) above must present evidence to the division chairman of having received equivalent education or experience in other than traditional educational setting. The Credit by Examination option is not available for laboratory classes.

Credit for Courses Completed at Non-Accredited Institutions

Students transferring from non-accredited institutions may, after successful completion of 30 units with a “C” or better grade-point-average, apply for up to 15 units of credit in courses which parallel the offerings of the College.

Students who wish to apply for credit at Harbor College for course work completed at non-accredited institutions must request in writing to the appropriate Division Chairman that he or she evaluate the course work. This evaluation should be done at the time of the student’s entry to Harbor College, not after completion of the College’s 30-unit requirement of accredited course work; however, credit for the course work taken at non-accredited institutions will not be awarded until the 30-unit requirement is completed.

Students are encouraged to consult with a counselor at the time of entry to Harbor College to avoid duplication of course work taken at non-accredited institutions.

Credit for Graduates of Diploma Schools of Nursing

The following amount of credit is authorized for graduates of Diploma Schools of Nursing who enter the Los Angeles Community Colleges. Thirty (30) semester units of credit will be given to graduates of Diploma Schools of Nursing under the following conditions:

- The student presents a valid, current California license as a licensed registered nurse to the designated administrative officer;
- The student has completed at least 12 units of credit at the College to which application is made.

The work of graduates of Diploma Schools of Nursing outside California will be recognized if the student has a valid, current California license. Credit will be given even though the license was obtained on the basis of reciprocity with another state rather than by examination.

Candidates for the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science Degree are exempt from Health Education as a general education requirement. No other general education requirements will be waived.

Additional courses in Nursing may be taken for credit only upon approval of the Nursing Department. The transcript is not to reflect the major field nor should the diploma, where given, indicate Nursing as a major.

Credit for Military Service Training

Students who are currently serving in or have served in the military service, may, after successful completion of at least one course with the Los Angeles Community Colleges, request an evaluation of credit earned through military service training schools and/or military occupational specialties.

Credit for Law Enforcement Academy Training

Credit for basic recruit academy training instructional programs in Administration of Justice or other criminal justice occupations shall be granted as follows:

- Credit will be given for training from institutions which meet the standards of training of the California Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission.
- A single block of credit will be given and identified as academy credit.
- One (1) unit of credit may be granted for each 50 hours of training, not to exceed ten (10) semester units or their equivalent.

Credits granted by an institution of higher education for basic recruit academy training, under the above provisions, shall not be identified as equivalent to any required course in the major.

Credit for Courses Completed at Foreign Colleges and Universities

Students must first have their transcripts evaluated by a foreign transcript evaluation service and then petition for course equivalences at Los Angeles Harbor College. Please see a counselor for further instructions.

Pass/No-Pass Option

The College President may designate courses in the College Catalog wherein all students are evaluated on a “pass/no-pass” basis or wherein each student may elect at registration, or no later than the end of the first 30% of the term, whether the basis of evaluation is to be “pass/no-pass” or a letter grade. These courses will be noted in the College Catalog as being eligible for the Pass/No-Pass Option.

Usage for Single Performance Standard: The credit/no-credit grading system shall be used in any course in which unit credit is assigned. A grade of Pass (P) shall be assigned for meeting that standard, and a grade of No-Pass (NP) shall be assigned for failure to do so.

Acceptance of Credits: All units earned on a “pass/no-pass” basis in accredited California institutions of higher education or equivalent out-of-state institutions shall be counted in satisfaction of community college curriculum requirements.

Recording of Grade: A student who is approved to be evaluated on the “pass/no-pass” basis shall receive both course credit and unit credit upon satisfactory completion of the course. Satisfactory completion for credit is equivalent to the grade of “C” or better. A student who does not perform satisfactorily will be assigned a “No Pass” (NP) grade.

Grade Point Calculation: Units earned on a “pass/no-pass” basis shall not be used to calculate grade-point-averages. However, units attempted for which “No-Pass” (NP) is recorded shall be considered in probationary and dismissal procedures.

Standards of Evaluation: The student who is enrolled in a course on a “pass/no-pass” basis will be held responsible for all assignments and examinations required in the course and must meet the standards of evaluation which are identical for all students.

Conversion to Letter Grade: A student who has received credit for a course taken on a “pass/no-pass” basis may not convert this credit to a letter grade.

Course Repetition: A student who has received a grade of “No-Pass” (NP) may repeat the course by meeting the requirements set forth by the District Course Repetition to Improve Substandard Grades Policy. Students wishing to take a course on a credit/no-credit basis should submit the appropriate form to the Records Office before the sixth week of the semester or the first week of the summer session.

A student may elect to take one course per semester on a credit/no-credit basis, in addition to any courses offered solely on a credit/no-credit basis. A maximum of fifteen (15) units of credit can be applied to the Associate in Arts or the Associate in Science degree. All courses offered by Los Angeles Harbor College are available to be taken on a pass/no-pass basis.

STUDY LOAD LIMITATIONS

A study load is defined as the total subjects and units carried in a program in any one semester. Sixteen units, including physical education, constitute the normal semester program. Twelve units are considered to be minimum full-time enrollment. In some cases a semester program may require more than sixteen units for the student to complete a major in the normal two-year period. Permission to carry a load in excess of eighteen units may be granted to individuals depending on the excellence of their previous semester's academic work. This permission is granted by a counselor. The State Education Code specifies that each lecture hour of a community college class requires at least two hours of study outside of class.

Students who plan to transfer from Los Angeles Harbor College to other collegiate institutions should recognize that, in general, a maximum load of eighteen units per semester will be accepted credit by other colleges. Harbor College reserves the right to limit the number of units in which students on probation may enroll.

Concurrent Enrollment

Concurrent enrollment in more than one section of the same course during a semester is not permitted, with the exception of certain Physical Education classes on a limited basis.

Concurrent enrollment in courses which are cross-referenced to each other is not permitted (i.e., courses designated “same as” in the District Directory of Educational Programs and Courses). Violation of this regulation will result in exclusion from class and denial of course credit in both courses.

Enrolling in classes scheduled or conducted during overlapping times is not permitted. In addition to exclusion from both classes and denial of credits, violators will be subject to disciplinary action (See Standards of Student Conduct.)

Academic Renewal

Students may submit a petition to the Office of Admissions and Records to have their academic records reviewed for academic renewal action of substandard academic performance under the following conditions: *Students must have achieved a grade-point-average of 2.5 in their last 15 semester units, or 2.0 in their last 30 semester units completed at any accredited college or university, and at least one calendar year must have elapsed from the time the course work to be removed was completed.* Official transcripts are required from the most recent colleges attended.

If the above conditions are met, academic renewal shall be granted, consisting of:

Eliminating from consideration in the cumulative grade-point-average up to 30 semester units of course work from all coursework taken within the Los Angeles Community College District, and annotating the student academic record indicating where courses have been removed by academic renewal action. Academic renewal actions are irreversible.

Graduation honors and awards are to be based on the student's cumulative grade-point-average for all college work attempted. This policy is adopted for use in the Los Angeles Community College District only. Other institutions may differ and students planning to transfer to another college should contact that institution regarding its policy.

TRANSCRIPTS

Upon written request of the student, a copy of the student's academic record shall be forwarded to the student or his or her designated addressee promptly by U.S. mail, electronic transmission (if within the participating network) or other responsible forwarding agency. All official transcripts must be sent directly from the college attended to our admissions office, no hand carried (by staff or students) official transcripts will be accepted. Unofficial transcripts may be hand carried for meeting with a counselor, prerequisite requirements or other advisory uses. Transcripts from another institution are not available for copying. The cost of transcripts is subject to change each semester.

A student or former student shall be entitled to two free copies of the transcript of his or her record or to two free verifications of student records. Additional copies shall be made available to the student, or to an addressee designated by the student, at a cost of \$3. Students may request special processing to expedite their request for an additional fee of \$7. This option is subject to the college's ability to provide this service.

The student's transcript may be withheld if 1) any library books or other library materials or college equipment are charged to the student and are unreturned, or 2) there are any unpaid fees or charges due to the College. The transcript may be withheld until these obligations of the student to the College are discharged.