

Background

Currently, the Region 9 university transfer centers are trying to uniform academic renewal policies. They have based their recommendation off of Santa Monica College's (SMC) academic renewal policy which is very student friendly in working within the confines of Title 5. This document follows the College of the Deserts policy. <https://lfforms.collegeofthedesert.edu/Forms/form/new/22>):

Per Title 5, Section 55046, Academic Renewal permits the alleviation of previously recorded substandard academic performance which is not reflective of a student's present demonstrated ability and level of performance. The permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible, ensuring a true and complete academic history.

1. The student is strongly advised to meet with a counselor for review of academic records.
2. A student may request up to 30 units of substandard coursework attempted to be annotated and disregarded in the computation of the student's grade point average or requirements for a degree. Only courses with substandard grade (D, F and FW) will be disregarded.
3. Neither grades nor courses will be removed from the student record. Instead, courses with Academic Renewal will be annotated on the student's record and removed from the GPA calculation.
4. The maximum number of Crafton Hills College units that may be alleviated is 30. Only units taken at Crafton Hills College may be alleviated, NOT units from other colleges.
5. At least one semester must have elapsed since the coursework to be considered was completed.
6. Students must have achieved a grade point average of at least a 2.0 GPA in 12 consecutive semester unit hours.
7. Courses from other regionally accredited colleges or universities will be accepted to provide evidence of academic ability. Both lower and upper-division units can be used for this purpose. The student must submit official transcripts.
8. No alleviated course work shall apply to degree requirements.
9. In the petition, the student must specify the course(s) to be considered for academic renewal as well as the term in which the course was attempted.
10. Some institutions do not honor academic renewal. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the transfer institution will approve of academic renewal from Crafton Hills College.
11. Students who have received an Academic Renewal will not be considered for Graduation Honors unless they meet the criteria using all grades earned.
12. Students who are in academic progress difficulty for financial aid purposes should contact the Financial Aid Office to determine how academic renewal affects aid.
13. Students may submit multiple academic renewal petition requests, but will be limited to 30 units per college. Once 30 units have been annotated and disregarded in the computation of the student's grade point average or requirements for a degree, the student can no longer request additional CHC units be considered.

New Form

Academic Renewal Policy (Title 5, Section 55046)

What is Academic Renewal?

Academic Renewal allows you to remove up to **30 CHC units** of below passing grades (**D, F, or FW**) from your GPA if those grades no longer reflect your current ability. However, these courses will still appear on your transcript, just marked as "Academic Renewal."

Who Should Consider It?

If you have **improved your academic performance** and want to boost your GPA or meet degree requirements, Academic Renewal may help. **Meet with a counselor first** to review your records and discuss your options.

Key Rules for Academic Renewal

Eligibility Requirements

- You must have completed **at least 12 semester units** with a **2.0 GPA or higher** since taking the substandard courses.
- **At least one semester must have passed** since you completed the courses you want to renew.
- **Only courses taken at Crafton Hills College can be petitioned for renewal.**
- **Both lower and upper-division courses from other accredited colleges** can be used to show your improved academic ability, but you must provide official transcripts.

How It Works

- You can request **up to 30 units** of **D, F, or FW grades** taken at Crafton be removed from your GPA calculation.
- Students with substandard (D, F, FW) coursework at SBVC must complete SBVC's academic renewal process.
- **The grades and courses will still appear on your transcript**, but they won't count toward your GPA.
- **Academic Renewal courses cannot count toward degree requirements.**
- **You must specify which courses and terms you want to renew** when submitting your request.
- You can submit multiple Academic Renewal requests, but the total cannot exceed **30 units**.

Important Considerations

- **Not all colleges accept Academic Renewal.** If you plan to transfer, check with your future school to see if they recognize it.
- **If you receive Academic Renewal, you won't qualify for Graduation Honors** unless your GPA meets the requirements using **all grades**.
- **If you receive financial aid, check with the Financial Aid Office** to see how Academic Renewal affects your eligibility.