Credit Course Repetition

Credit course repetition is regulated by state guidelines as described in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR §55040). Students are limited to a maximum of three (3) enrollments in a course unless otherwise specified in the course description.

Students may only petition to repeat a course beyond the maximum allowed enrollments under the following conditions:
1. alleviating substandard academic work (CCR §55042)
2. a significant lapse of time (5 years) since the last time the student was enrolled in the course (CCR §55043)
3. legally mandated training for employment or licensure (CCR §55000)
4. extenuating circumstances (CCR §55045)
5. students with disabilities who require a disability-related accommodation (CCR §56029)

Credit Course Repetition (with sub-standard grade or withdrawal)

Students may only repeat a course, for a maximum of three enrollments, in which any combination of a sub-standard grade (D, F, NP or NC) was received or the student withdrew from the course with a “W.”

Credit Course Repetition (with standard grade)

Students may only repeat a course, when a standard grade (A, B, C, P or CR) was received if the course specifies repeatability (see course description).

Replication vs. Repeatability

Replication occurs when a student who has previously received an evaluative symbol (grade) in a particular credit course re-enrolls in that same course and receives another evaluative symbol (grade) (CCR §55023). Title 5 regulations specify the circumstances under which a student may repeat a course (CCR §55040-45, 55253, 56029).

Repeatability occurs when a student repeats specific credit course(s), designated by the Foothill-De Anza Community College District as repeatable (CCR §55041). These specific, repeatable courses have limitations on how many times a student can repeat the course (see course description). Per Title 5 regulations, the maximum number of times a student can repeat a credit course in a quarter system is six (6) times, even if the student receives a substandard grade or a “W” during one or more of the enrollments, unless otherwise specified.

Credit Course Repeatability

De Anza College only designates the following types of credit courses to be repeatable per Title 5 (CCR §55041):
1. courses for which repetition is necessary to meet the major requirements of CSU or UC for completion of a Bachelor’s Degree
2. intercollegiate athletics
3. specific courses designated as Special Education and meet the criteria set forth in Title 5

These courses clearly state the terms of the course repeatability in their course descriptions.

Active Participatory Course Limitations (Course Families)

Per the California Community College Board of Governors, a student may not have more than six (6) enrollments in any active participatory courses that are related in content. This limitation also applies to students who receive a substandard grade (D, F, NP or NC) or withdrew from a course with a “W” for one or more of the enrollments (CCR §55000).

Active participatory courses included in this restriction are courses in physical education, visual arts and performing arts offered within the Foothill-De Anza Community College District.

Both Foothill and De Anza colleges have created “Course Families” within the District to address this limitation. These families include courses from Foothill and De Anza that have been determined to have related or contain similar content, and therefore, can only be taken in any combination for no more than six (6) enrollments.

Prior to Fall 2013, students were able to repeat active participatory courses. However, as of Fall 2013, all active participatory courses are non-repeatable and can only be taken one time subject to the limitations set forth in Title 5 (CCR §55040(c).

This limitation does not contain a grandfather clause. Therefore, if a student has reached the maximum times of enrollment within a family, then s/he cannot enroll in any course within the family again within the Foothill-De Anza Community College District.

Additionally, if a student enrolls in a De Anza course that is equivalent to a Foothill course, within a course family, s/he may not take the Foothill course at any time, and vice-versa.

For example: ARTS 4B at De Anza is equivalent to ART 4B at Foothill. If a student has taken or plans on taking ARTS 4B at De Anza, then that student cannot have taken or plan on taking ART 4B at Foothill.

For more information on course repetition, repeatability and families, please visit www.deanza.edu/registration/courserepeat.html.