

Chapter 4 – Grading and Academic Standards

Audit

Please see Chapter 2 – Admission and Enrollment Information for details.

Pass/No Pass Policy

Shasta College offers two categories of "Pass/No Pass" courses. "Pass/No Pass" classes must be so designated in the college catalog and schedule of classes. The catalog and schedule must specify into which "Pass/No Pass" category each course falls. (Title 5, Section 55022)

The two categories are:

- 1) Courses which are designated as only Pass/No Pass, and
- 2) Courses in which a student has the option of receiving a grade or taking the course for credit through Pass/No Pass. A student who exercises that option and applies to take a course for Pass/No Pass shall not receive a grade for that course and will receive a "P" for credit or a "NP" for no credit shall appear on his/her official transcript of record. Units attempted for which the symbol "NP" is recorded shall be considered in probation and dismissal procedures.

Students may use the Pass/No Pass grade option in no more than one course per semester, and may apply no more than ten semester credit (P) units toward the A.A. Degree.

Students who are awarded credit (P) in a course shall receive both course credit and the full unit credit for the course. In computing a student's grade-point average, grades of "Pass/No Pass" are omitted.

It is the responsibility of the student to be familiar with the "Pass/No Pass" policy in force at the college or university campus to which he/she hopes to transfer and to comply with that policy.

Grading Definitions

The course grading procedure is based on the established course objectives according to the following grade definitions:

A – Excellent - Outstanding achievement of the course objectives. (4 grade points)

B – Good - Above average achievement of the course objectives. The quality of work demonstrates a comprehensive knowledge of the subject matter and a marked ability to interpret it. (3 grade points)

C – Fair to Average - Satisfactory or average achievement of the course objectives. The performance fulfills the course requirements in both quality and quantity and meets acceptable standards for graduation. (2 grade points)

D – Passing - Less than satisfactory achievement below the course objectives but such that it is not necessary to repeat the course. The level of achievement is not generally satisfactory for advancement in studies in the same or related areas. (1 grade point)

F – Failing - Failure to achieve objectives of the course. The performance is undeserving of course credit. (0 grade points)

P - Pass - Satisfactory achievement of course objectives. Student is passing the course with a "C" or better. (Not used in grade point calculations.) See Board Policy 4230 and 4232 for more information.

FW – Failing-Withdrawal – A student who has both ceased participating in a course sometime after the last day to withdraw from the course without having achieved a final passing grade, and who has not received district authorization to withdraw from the course due to extenuating circumstances may be assigned an "FW".

NP - No Pass - Student is doing "D" or "F" work in the course. (Not used in grade point calculations.)

Non-Evaluative Symbols Definitions

I – Incomplete - Incomplete academic work for unforeseeable emergency and 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 (Form available from the registrar). This record shall contain the conditions for removal of the "I" and the grade assigned in lieu of its removal. This record must be given to the student with a copy on file with the registrar 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" may be made up no later than one year following the end of the term in which it was assigned, however, the student may petition the Scholastic Standards Committee for a time extension due to unusual circumstances.

IP - In progress - The "IP" symbol shall be used to denote that the class extends beyond the normal end of an academic term. It indicates that work is "in progress", but that the 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 course is completed. The "IP" shall not be used in calculating grade point averages.

RD - Report Delayed - The "RD" symbol shall be assigned by the registrar only. It 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.

MW – Military Withdrawal – Military withdrawal occurs when a student who is a member of an active or reserve United States military service receives orders (other than TDY) compelling a withdrawal from courses. A student must file a petition requesting this option and attach a copy of military orders at the Admissions and Records Office. Military withdrawals will not be counted in progress probation and dismissal calculations. See the Dean of Enrollment Services for specific details.

W - Withdrawal - Students may withdraw from a class after the official "drop" date and up through the fourteenth week* or 75% of the term for classes less than a semester in length. The notation "W" will appear on the student's transcript and will not be used in calculation of grade point average. Excessive "W"s shall, however, be used as factors in probation and dismissal procedures. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN FORMS AND SUBMIT THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO WITHDRAW FROM A CLASS(ES). Forms are available from Admissions and Records, Extended Education sites, or by mail. Students who have not dropped or withdrawn from a class before the end of the fourteenth week or 75% of the term will be assigned a course grade.

*This date may vary for classes of less than a full-term length.

Grading

It is the responsibility of the instructor for the assignment of grades in any Shasta College course. To insure that grading is done consistently and fairly, the instructor shall:

1. Develop a grading procedure prior to the beginning of the course and have this procedure clearly communicated to each student on the first day handout of each course.
2. Establish a grading procedure that shall guarantee the academic integrity of the course at the appropriate level.
3. Once established, adhere to the course grading procedure throughout the semester.
4. Give sufficient evaluations throughout the course to insure that students are aware of progress and to inform the students of standing in the course.
5. Abide by established examination schedules of the college.
6. Adhere to established deadlines and use appropriate forms for submitting grades to the Records Office.
7. File all grade changes within two (2) years of the original grade being issued.

GRADE CHANGE PROCEDURE

Under no circumstances except for completion of work for removal of an incomplete, may a grade change be made as the result of work completed or presented following the close of a grading period (Administrative Procedure 4231). The Incomplete (I) may be made up no later than one year following the end of the term in which it was assigned. (Note: Fall 79 to Fall 81 students had one semester in which to make up incompletes. Beginning with Fall 81 a written record must be filed by the instructor stipulating the condition to be made for an evaluative grade. ALL GRADE CHANGES MUST BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY FROM INSTRUCTOR TO ADMISSIONS OFFICE.

GRADE CHANGE APPEAL PROCEDURE – BOARD POLICY 4230

The instructor of the course shall determine the grade to be awarded to each student. 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 mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence, the final determination concerning removal or change of grade will be made by the Vice President of Academic Affairs or his/her designee.

The procedure for appealing a grade is available at the Admissions and Records Office.

Non-Traditional Ways to Earn Credit

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATION CREDIT

Shasta College will award credit to students scoring a 3, 4, or 5 on Advanced Placement examinations as indicated below. Students should have test scores sent to the Shasta College Admissions and Records Office and then contact the office during their first semester to have credit posted to their transcripts. Each transfer institution will determine the number of units awarded and the courses satisfied according to individual campus policies. For specific course information, students are encouraged to meet with a counselor.

All CSU campuses will accept the exams shown below toward fulfillment of the designated General Education-Breadth area if the examination is included in a full or subject-area certification. The CSU campus to which the student is transferring determines the total number of units awarded for successful completion of an Advanced Placement examination and the applicability of the examination to other graduation requirements.

The University of California grants credit for all Advanced Placement examinations on which a student scores 3 or higher. The credit may be subject credit, graduation credit, or credit toward General Education or breadth requirements, as determined by evaluators at each campus. Shasta College will certify the units for the IGETC General Education area indicated below.

AP Subject Exam	CSU GE AREA	IGETC AREA
Art: History of Art	C1	3A or 3B
Biology	B2 and B3	5B with lab
Calculus AB	B4	2A
Calculus BC	B4	2A
Chemistry	B1 and B3	5A with lab
Chinese Language and Culture	C2	3B
English Language and Composition	A2	1A
English Literature and Composition	A2 and C2	1A or 3B
Environmental Science (pre-Fall 2009)	B2 and B3	5A with lab
Environmental Science (post-Fall 2009)	B1 and B3	5A with lab
European History	D6	3B or 4F
French Language	C2	3B and 6A
French Literature	C2	3B and 6A
German Language	C2	3B and 6A
Government and Politics: Comparative	D8	4H
Government and Politics: U.S.	D8	4H
Human Geography	D5	4E
Italian Language and Culture	C2	3B and 6A
Japanese Language and Culture	C2	3B and 6A
Latin Literature	C2	3B and 6A
Latin: Virgil	C2	3B and 6A
Macroeconomics	D2	4B
Microeconomics	D2	4B
Music Theory	C1	NA
Physics B	B1 and B3	5A with lab
Physics C (Electricity/Magnetism)	B1 and B3	5A with lab
Physics C (Mechanics)	B1 and B3	5A with lab
Psychology	D9	4I
Spanish Language	C2	3B and 6A
Spanish Literature	C2	3B and 6A
Statistics	B4	2A
United States History	D6	3B or 4F
World History	D6	3B or 4F

(Updates made on 6/8/10 are indicated in red)

CHALLENGE (CREDIT BY EXAMINATION) – BOARD POLICY 4235

A student may challenge a class by taking an examination. Examinations may be taken only once and, if passed, the credit will be posted on the student's permanent academic record. No more than 15 units may be earned through this procedure and only courses determined by each Division of the college are open for the option.

This option is restricted to students registered for credit during the fall or spring semester. Credit by examination is not possible during the summer session. Petition (challenge) forms are available from each Division office. A listing of approved courses can be obtained from the Division office.

CREDIT THROUGH THE COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP) – BOARD POLICY 4235

Upon completion of six semester units at Shasta College, a student may submit official College Level Examination Program (CLEP) test results to Shasta College from the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB). Contact the CEEB for a testing center location (Shasta College is not a testing center). CEEB established the program to serve students who have a college-level education developed outside of the classroom (e.g. military experience/training). The following restrictions apply:

- Up to 30 semester units may be applied toward an Associate degree.
- A scaled score of 50 or higher on a CLEP examination will earn credit. (For the older General Examinations, a score of 500 or better will earn credit.)
- Units awarded for satisfactory completion of CLEP examinations will post as electives, except as noted by departmental policy referenced below.
- Grades and grade points will not be assigned to CLEP units.
- Units awarded through CLEP will not apply toward the 12-unit residency requirement for Shasta College.
- The Univ. of California (UC) does not accept credit awarded through CLEP.
- Where considered by the appropriate department and division, CLEP Examinations may satisfy specific courses or a specific course prerequisite. Contact the appropriate department or Division to determine which, if any, of the examinations may satisfy specific courses or course prerequisites. Minimum scores for Shasta College course equivalencies, where established, may be obtained from Admissions and Records.
- Contact Admissions and Records Office or Counseling for more information.
- Shasta College will grant credit for the following CLEP Subject Exams in accordance with the CSU system-wide policy:

College Algebra & Trigonometry/Passing Score: 50/3 semester units
 Calculus & Elementary Functions/Passing Score: 50/3 semester units
 General Chemistry/Passing Score: 50/3 semester units

DISTANCE EDUCATION (DE)

Distance education means providing access to education beyond the traditional patterns of campus-based education and programs. It does so by offering a variety of programs and courses held at each of the three Extended Education campuses in Red Bluff, Weaverville, and Burney as well as other sites throughout the District. It also means offering classes in a variety of formats including live, internet-based (online/hybrid/web enhanced), and 2-way interactive television (ITV) instruction. Students may register online, on campus and at Extended Education campuses for all Distance Education courses.

All courses offered in these formats offer the same rigorous learning experience found in traditional face-to-face courses. These courses are designed for individuals who are unable to attend campus classes on a regular basis, prefer independent learning, or would like to take courses at their convenience.

Interactive Television (ITV): A variety of courses are available at selected sites using two-way interactive video technology. These courses originate on the Redding campus or one of the Extended Education campuses with real time delivery of the classroom activities to the other sites. Students are able to fully interact with the faculty member and other students at each of the sites. Procedures for examinations, assignments, and other class requirements are explained at the first class meeting.

Internet-based Courses: Courses are available in a variety of Internet-based formats (online, hybrid, or web enhanced) and typically offer greater flexibility for students' schedules. Contrary to some beliefs, however, Internet-based courses are not easy. They require a well disciplined, motivated student with computer skills, familiarization with the Internet, a reliable computer, and a high-speed Internet connection.

Web Enhanced: Any class which meets face to face for the full number of instructional hours AND utilizes the Internet to augment course materials is a web enhanced course. No class hours are scheduled to be replaced by online time. Web enhanced courses are listed in the front part of the schedule with other face to face course offerings, but may require login to SC Online. Consult the My Shasta online schedule for specific information.

Hybrid: A hybrid class meets face to face for some number of instructional hours AND a portion of the required instructional hours is conducted online (normally requiring login to SC Online). Students MUST access online materials to successfully complete course requirements. Hybrid courses are listed with the days and times of actual face to face meetings followed by "+ INTERNET."

Online: A fully online class is one which requires that all class content, activities, and interaction be done online (normally requiring login to SC Online). Some instructors may include on-campus orientation, student conferences, or other on-campus events (consult the My Shasta online schedule for specific information). Students MUST access online materials to successfully complete course requirements. Fully online courses are listed as "INTERNET."

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent study provides a forum for advanced work in a given field of study. A student may contract with a full-time instructor to do independent study in a specific subject area in which he/she has exhausted the regular curricular offerings provided that:

- 99 - **Transfer Level Courses*** -- The student has a declared major or already possesses a degree and has completed a minimum of 12 transfer units at Shasta College.
- 199 - **Non-Transfer Level Courses*** -- The student has completed a minimum of 12 units at Shasta College

Independent study can be taken for .5-3 units. The total hours required are as follows:

.5 unit = 27 hours; 1.0 unit = 54 hours; 1.5 units = 81 hours; 2.0 units = 108 hours; 2.5 units = 135 hours; and 3.0 units = 162 units.

*Note: Any combination of these courses may be repeated three times (total of four enrollments) or a maximum of six independent study units.

Forms and additional information are available from your instructor or the Division Office.

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

In general, Shasta College will follow the recommendations of the State Board of Educ., the Univ. of Calif., and the American Council of Education in granting credit for military experience. Total credit for military experience is limited to 15 units.

Correspondence courses given by the United States Armed Forces Institute or by an accredited college or university are accepted for credit value as recommended by the American Council on Education. College credit will not be allowed for duplicated training. The total number of units granted for USAFI courses shall not exceed 24 units. No credit will be given at Shasta College for General Education Development tests.

Credits will be granted to those students who present a DD214. The student will be required to provide the Registrar with a copy of his/her DD214 for verification.

Application for such credit must be made on a form obtained from the Registrar's Office at Admissions and Records. This credit must be verified. All new Veterans to Shasta College should call for information and an appointment at (530) 242-7662 or visit the Admissions and Records Office, Bldg. 100.

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

A student having experience related to the program in which he/she is enrolled may be granted credit for such experience. The credit is applicable only for an Associate degree at Shasta College. Students applying for credit should obtain an application from the Admissions & Records Office.

WORKSITE LEARNING

Students who are interested in combining practical work experience with classroom instruction may enroll in a Worksite Learning class. Worksite Learning classes (the complete list of courses provided below) are open entry. This means that the student may enroll throughout the semester, but must complete all work by the end of the semester (per agreement with instructor). One unit of Worksite Learning credit is granted for each 75 hours of actual on-the-job activity for a paid work position or 60 hours for a non-paid work position of on-the-job activity. It is imperative for the student to determine how many units he/she should sign up for. This should be worked out with the instructor in the initial orientation meeting. If the student is unable to verify enough work hours to meet the units for which he/she enrolls, the student will receive an "F" in the course. For example, if a student enrolls in a three (3)-unit worksite learning class and fails to verify 225 paid hours of on-the-job activity by the deadline established by the instructor, the student will receive an "F" in the class. The student has the same withdrawal and add/drop options as for any other course.

The following courses are listed in the catalog under the appropriate disciplines as worksite learning classes. For details look under the specific prefixes. The classes, units, instructors, and times of the initial orientation meetings for each semester are listed in the current schedule of classes. Not all worksite learning classes are offered every semester.

Worksite Learning Classes:
ADJU 94, AG 94, AGEH 94, AGNR 94, AUTO 94, BUAD 94, CAS 94, CIS 94, CONS 94, CULA 94, DIES 94, DSS 94, ECE 94, EDUC 94, ELEC 94, ENGR 94, FIRS 94, FSS 94, GIS 94, HEOC 94, HOSP 94, HUSV 94, LEGL 94, MKTG 94, OAS 84, PEAT 94, WELD 94, WSL 94 *

Please note that it is up to the instructor in the specific discipline to determine if the student's proposed work assignments are related to the student's major. If a proposed work assignment is not discipline/major related, credit will not be granted.

Each worksite learning course has a prerequisite or co-requisite. Check the course description for specific information.

*WSL 94 is considered a General Work Experience course for supervised employment that is intended to assist students in acquiring desirable work habits, attitudes and career awareness. The work experience need not be related to the students' educational goals.

FINANCIAL AID STUDENTS: Students must maintain concurrent enrollment in seven (7) units which include worksite learning units.

VETERAN STUDENTS: Worksite learning will NOT be paid unless it is required for the student's major. In addition, veterans receiving veteran's educational benefits for WSL units MUST register for the appropriate co-requisite in the same semester.

Repetition of a Course

Repetition of a college course is restricted and shall occur only under the following conditions:

- a. Students receiving a D, F, NP or WF grade in a course may repeat the course twice, for a total of three enrollments, without petition (Title 5, 55040-55044).
- b. In order to repeat a course more than twice, or to repeat a course in which an A, B, or C grade was earned, the student must petition the Scholastic Standards Committee for permission prior to enrolling in the course. Decisions of the Scholastic Standards Committee may be appealed to the Superintendent/President. When a course is repeated under the provision, the grade awarded shall not be calculated in the student's grade point average (Title 5, 55763).
- c. When there has been a significant lapse of time, defined as 5 years, since a student obtained a satisfactory grade in a course, the student may petition the Scholastic Standards Committee to repeat the course. When repetition due to significant lapse of time is granted, the grade received will not be calculated in the GPA.

Scholastic Deficiency

For the purposes of Board Policy, the phrases "units attempted", "all units", or "all units attempted", mean all units of credit for which the student was enrolled at Shasta College regardless of whether the student completed the course or received any credit or grade. This specifically includes all "credit", "no credit", "I", and "W" grades. The word "semester" shall refer to the Fall and Spring terms. The condensed summer session is not considered a "semester."

STANDARDS FOR PROBATION

- a. Academic Probation - A student who has attempted at least 12 semester units as shown by the official academic record shall be placed on academic probation if the student has earned a cumulative grade point average below 2.0 in all units which were graded on the basis of the grading scale described in Board Policy, Section 4230.
- b. Progress Probation - A student who has attempted at least 12 units as shown by the official academic record shall be placed on progress probation when the percentage of all units in which a student has enrolled and for which entries of "W", "I", and "NC" are recorded reaches or exceeds fifty percent (50%).
- c. For record purposes, any changes made in the student's class schedule as a result of a counselor recommendation shall be treated as occurring within the first four weeks of the semester or 30% of the term for classes less than a semester in length.

REMOVAL FROM PROBATION

- a. A student on academic probation for a grade point deficiency shall be removed from probation when the student's accumulated grade point average is 2.0 or higher.
- b. A student on progress probation because of an excess of units for which entries of "W", "I", and "NC" are recorded shall be removed from probation when the percentage of units in this category drops below fifty percent (50%).

EXTENSION OF PROBATION

- a. A student on academic probation who earns a grade point average of 2.0 or better for the semester, but whose cumulative grade point average still results in academic probation, shall have his/her probation extended an additional semester prior to dismissal.
- b. A student on progress probation who completes more than 50% of all units attempted for the semester, but whose cumulative records still results in progress probation, shall have his/her probation extended an additional semester prior to dismissal.

Standards for Academic Dismissal

For purposes of this section, semesters shall be considered consecutive on the basis of the student's enrollment (for example, a fall semester followed by a fall semester shall be considered consecutive if the student was not enrolled in the spring semester of that academic year).

A student who is on academic probation shall be dismissed if the student earned a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.0 in all units attempted and graded in each of three consecutive semesters, including the semester that placed the student on probation (which were graded on the basis of the grading scale described in Board Policy, Section 4230).

A student who has been placed on progress probation shall be dismissed if the percentage of units in which the student has been enrolled for which entries of "W", "I", and "NC" (as defined in Board Policy, Section 6440) are recorded in at least three consecutive semesters reaches or exceeds fifty percent (50%) in accordance with Board Policy, Section 4230.

NOTIFICATION OF DISMISSAL

The Admissions and Records Office shall make every reasonable effort to notify a student of dismissal from Shasta College due to academic disqualification as soon as that information is available following the completion of the semester. If a dismissed student has already enrolled in classes for a fall or spring semester, the Admissions and Records Office will dis-enroll the student retroactively as of the first day of the new term. The Admissions and Records Office will notify the student in writing of this action. Dismissal does not apply to summer school.

REINSTATEMENT

A student who has been dismissed from Shasta College because of academic or progress disqualification must meet with a counselor and then file a request for reinstatement with the Admissions and Records Office. A dismissed student may be reinstated after an absence of one or more fall or spring semesters. This will not preclude the student from being eligible for priority registration.

- (a) Academic Dismissal. A student who was dismissed because of academic probation must earn satisfactory grades (a grade point average of 2.0 or better) during the semester of reinstatement. A student who does not earn the required grade point average will be dismissed.
- (b) Progress Dismissal. A student who was dismissed because of progress probation must satisfactorily complete more than 50% of all units attempted during the semester of reinstatement. A student who does not complete the required percentage of units will be dismissed.

APPEAL

Any student may appeal probation or dismissal procedures and regulations if that student feels there are special mitigating circumstances. All appeals shall be sent to the Scholastic Standards Committee, accompanied by a report from the student's counselor.

Withdrawing From a Class with a "W" Grade

Students may withdraw from a class after the official "drop" date and up through the fourteenth week* or 75% of the term for classes less than a semester in length. The notation "W" will appear on the student's transcript and will not be used in calculation of grade point average. Excessive "W"s shall, however, be used as factors in probation and dismissal procedures.

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN FORMS AND SUBMIT THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO WITHDRAW FROM CLASS(ES). Forms are available from Admissions and Records, Extended Education sites, or by mail. Students who have not dropped or withdrawn from a class before the end of the fourteenth week or 75% of the term will be assigned a course grade.

*This date may vary for classes of less than a full-term length.