**OPEN ENROLLMENT IN COURSES** 

6020

**POLICY:** 

The policy of Solano Community College is that, unless expressly exempted by statute or regulation, the every course, course section, or classes reported for state aid, wherever offered and maintained by the District must shall be fully open by the general public, in accordance with section 58051.5 and article 1 (commencing with section 58100) of subchapter 2 of the chapter to enrollment and participation by any person who has been admitted to the college and who meets such prerequisite as may be established pursuant to regulations contained in Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 55003) of Subchapter 1 of Chapter 6 of Division 6 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

The Superintendent-President shall assure that this Open Enrollment Policy shall be published in the College Catalog and Schedule of Classes.

REFERENCES/

AUTHORITY: California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 58050

<u>51006</u>

**ADOPTED:** November 19, 1986

**REVISED:** December 19, 2001; January 17, 2007; August 19, 2009;

#### **OPEN ENROLLMENT IN COURSES**

6020

#### **PROCEDURES**

All courses of the District shall be open to enrollment in accordance with Governing Board Policy 5055, Enrollment Priorities and a priority system consistent with Administrative Procedures 5055 titled Enrollment Priorities. Enrollment may be limited to students meeting properly validated prerequisites and co-requisites, or due to other non-evaluative, practical considerations as determined by the Chief Instructional Officer.

No student is required to confer or consult with or required to receive permission to enroll in any class offered by the District, except as provided for in Administrative Procedures 5055 titled Enrollment Priorities and Athletics, Registered Nursing, and Certified Nursing Assistant programs.

Students are not required to participate in any pre-registration activities not uniformly required, and no registration procedures are used that result in restricting enrollment to a specialized clientele, except as provided for in Administrative Procedures 5055 titled Enrollment Priorities and Athletics, Registered Nursing, and Certified Nursing Assistant programs.

A student may challenge an enrollment limitation on any of the following grounds:

- The limitation is unlawfully discriminatory or is being applied in an unlawfully discriminatory manner;
- The District is not following its enrollment procedures;
- The basis for the limitation does not in fact exist.

#### Appeal of Loss of Enrollment Priority

Students may appeal the loss of enrollment priority when the loss is due to extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illnesses or other circumstances beyond the control of the student, significant academic improvement or when a student with a disability applied for, but did not receive a reasonable accommodation in a timely manner. To appeal, students should complete an Appeal Petition and attach supporting documentation. Students may visit Admissions & Records to obtain an Appeal Petition or access it online via Admissions & Records.

REFERENCES/ AUTHORITY:	Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq. 58108	Title 5 Sections 51006, 58106, and
Reviewed:		

## REQUIRED INSTRUCTIONAL AND OTHER MATERIALS

6030

**POLICY:** 

Students may be required to provide instructional and other materials required for a credit or noncredit course provided that such materials are of continuing value to the student outside the classroom setting and provided that such materials are not solely or exclusively available from the District.

Required instructional materials shall not include materials used or designed primarily for administrative purposes, class management, course management or supervision. Where instructional materials are available to a student temporarily through a license or access fee, the student shall be provided options at the time of purchase to maintain full access to the instructional materials for varying periods of time ranging from the length of the class up to at least two years. The terms of the license or access fee shall be provided to the student in a clear and understandable manner prior to purchase.

Except as specifically authorized or required in the <u>Education</u> <u>Code</u>, the governing board or a community college district shall not require a student to pay a fee for any instructional and other materials required for a credit or non-credit course.

Instructional and other materials may be required as authorized under <u>Education Code</u>. Required materials are defined as those which a student must procure or possess as a condition of registration, enrollment or entry into a class; or any such material which is necessary to achieve those required objectives of a course which are to be accomplished under the supervision of an instructor during class hours. To assure compliance with <u>Education Code</u> guidelines, all required materials and course fees will be annually reviewed by the Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs and Student Services.

## REFERENCES/ AUTHORITY:

<u>California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 59400 – 66700, 70901, and 76365, Education Code. Reference: Sections 70901, 70902 and 76365, Education Code.</u>

ADOPTED: REVISED:

October 16, 1985 December 19, 2001

January 17, 2007	
August 19, 2009,	

## **CREDIT-BY-EXAMINATION**

6040

**POLICY:** 

Credit may be earned by students who satisfactorily pass authorized examinations. The Superintendent/President of Designee shall establish administrative procedures to implement this policy. The procedures shall provide for appropriate Academic Senate involvement.

REFERENCES/

**AUTHORITY:** 

California-Education Code, of Regulations, Title 5, Section 55050.

ADOPTED: REVISED:

March 17, 1976 November 19, 1986 December 19, 2001 January 17, 2007

August 19, 2009

#### **CREDIT-BY-EXAMINATION**

6040

#### PROCEDURES:

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- 1. The student must be currently enrolled at the College, and in at least one (1) graded course other than those being taken for credit-by-examination.
- 2. The course is listed in the college catalog.
- 3. The student must have an overall grade point average of at least 2.0.
- The student must have completed 12 semester units at Solano Community College.
- 5. If the student intends to use the credit by examination course to fulfill a requirement for a Certificate, he/she must have completed 6 semester units at Solano Community College within the major requirements.

#### **PROCEDURE**

- 1. Complete the top portion of the Credit By Examination Petition and meet with the Division School Dean to verify prerequisites and schedule exam.
- File the petition with Admissions and Records no later than the FOURTH week of the semester. Admissions and Records will determine eligibility and collect the credit by examination fees.
- 3. Discipline faculty shall establish a clear process and justifiable criteria to determine if a course can be challenged
- 4. Discipline faculty shall develop an examination process and corresponding rubric to conform to course objectives and learning outcomes as listed on the Course of Record [COR] of the challenged course.
- The Dean will consult with discipline faculty to identify the instructor charged with the administration and evaluation of the exam.
- After the examination, the instructor will submit the completed petition with the examination results to Admissions and Records.
- 7. Credit will be posted to the student's record at the end of the semester. Students

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will receive P/NP (Pass/No Pass). Letter grades are not awarded.

#### **FEES**

The Credit By Examination fee is payable when the petition is submitted. Credit by examination fees are \$20.00 per unit or \$120.00 per course; whichever is less.

## **AWARDING OF CREDIT**

Fifteen units is the maximum amount of credit by examination a student can receive. Credit by examination units from other accredited colleges will be allowed but will be included in the 15- unit maximum.

Grades and units awarded for credit by examination will be posted to the student's transcript at the end of the semester in which the examination was taken. Students will receive P/NP (Pass/No Pass). Letter grades are not awarded.

Credits acquired by examination are not applicable to meeting of such unit load requirements as Selective Service deferment, Veteran's or Social Security benefits.

Credits acquired by examination shall not be counted in determining the 12 semester hours of credit in residence required for an Associate degree.

Solano Community College does not guarantee other educational institutions will accept credit by examination credit.

REFERENCES/ AUTHORITY:	California Education Code, of Regulations, Title 5, Section 55050.
Reviewed:	

## FINAL EXAMINATIONS 6070

POLICY: A final examination or appropriate culminating activity is

required for all classes at the close of the semester. Final examinations must be held at designated times in on-campus scheduled classrooms (unless a room change has been approved by the appropriate instructional manager-school dean) or within the appropriate context of online instruction.

REFERENCES/

AUTHORITY: Solano Community College District Governing Board

ADOPTED: November 19, 1986

**REVISED**: January 17, 2007, \_\_\_\_\_

New (Developed by D. Crandall-Bear, DE Coordinator)

#### DISTANCE EDUCATION

6115

#### **PROCEDURES**

Consistent with federal regulations pertaining to federal financial aid eligibility, the District must authenticate or verify that the student who registers in a distance education or correspondence education course is the same student who participates in and completes the course or program and receives the academic credit. The District will provide to each student at the time of registration, a statement of the process in place to protect student privacy and estimated additional student charges associated with verification of student identity, if any.

The Chief Instructional Officer shall utilize one or more of these methods to authenticate or verify the student's identity:

- Solano Community College utilizes a secure login and password system to meet this requirement. Each student must verify identity at the time of registration to obtain a login ID and password. Online courses can only be accessed through the Login ID and password.
- Online instructors have the option of administering proctored examinations. Classroom space on campus is used for these examinations. In addition, Proctored Examinations for individual students are arranged through the office of the Administrative Assistant for the Distance Education program.
- A state-wide system for proctoring examinations is forthcoming from the Chancellor's Office Online Education Initiative.

The Chief Instructional Officer shall establish procedures for providing a statement of the process in place to protect student privacy and estimated additional student charges associated with verification of student identity, if any, to each student at the time of registration.

**Definition:** Distance education means instruction in which the instructor and student are separated by distance and interact through the assistance of communication technology.

**Course Approval**: Each proposed or existing course offered by distance education shall be reviewed and approved separately. Separate approval is mandatory if any portion of the instruction in a course or a course section is designed to be provided through distance education.

The review and approval of new and existing distance education courses shall follow the curriculum approval procedures outlined in Administrative Procedures 6100, Program and Curriculum Development. Distance education courses shall be approved under the same conditions and criteria as all other courses.

Certification: When approving distance education courses, the Distance Education Committee will certify the following:

Course Quality Standards: The same standards of course quality are applied to the distance education courses as are applied to traditional classroom courses.

Course Quality Determinations: Determinations and judgments about the quality of the distance education course were made with the full involvement of the Distance Education Committee approval procedures.

**Instructor Contact:** Each section of the course that is delivered through distance education will include regular effective contact between instructor and students.

**Duration of Approval:** All distance education courses approved under this procedure will continue to be in effect unless there are substantive changes of the course outline

A separate online course approval process has been in place at SCC since 2014. Each course shell is approved by the Distance Education Committee after meeting the requirement listed above.

## REFERENCES/

**AUTHORITY:** 

Title 5 Sections 55200 et seq.;

34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 602.17 (U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended);

ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A.1

Draft 2/23/16

WEEKEND CLASSES 6120

POLICY: The District Management is authorized to schedule classes

on Saturday or Sunday or both days.

REFERENCES/

AUTHORITY: California Education Code, Section 79028

**ADOPTED:** November 2, 1983 **REVISED:** November 19, 1986

January 17, 2007

REVIEWED:

## INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

6130

**POLICY:** 

Solano Community College recognizes the value of advice from community members regarding College programs. The District Management is authorized to establish appropriate community advisory committees to provide advice on planning and operations of instructional programs. Procedures shall be developed which establish guidelines for formation, selection of membership and function of advisory committees.

REFERENCES/

**AUTHORITY:** Solano Community College District Governing Board

ADOPTED: REVISED:

February 20, 1973 November 19, 1986 January 17, 2007

August 19, 2009

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## HONORARY DEGREES 6203

**POLICY:** 

Honorary degrees may be awarded at commencement or some other equally appropriate time. The names of persons receiving honorary degrees must be approved by the *Governing* Board.

The Superintendent/President or Designee shall establish procedures and criteria for the award of honorary degrees.

REFERENCES/

AUTHORITY: California Education Code Section 72122 70902

ADOPTED: December 19, 2001

**REVISED:** January 17, 2007, \_\_\_\_\_

CATALOG RIGHTS 6210

**POLICY:** 

Graduation requirements are determined according to the catalog in effect at the time of first enrollment. If enrollment is in any credit course and is continuous (at least one course is taken each academic year), then graduation requirements are taken from the catalog in effect at the time of first enrollment.

Students enrolled at another accredited public institution of higher education and meeting the SCC definition of continuous enrollment shall not lose their original catalog rights.

When a break in enrollment occurs, graduation requirements are determined according to the catalog in effect at the time of re-entry into continuous enrollment.

Leaves of absence must be requested and approved in advance of the term of which absence is anticipated. Leaves of absence must be approved by the Academic Council.

Students may choose to graduate under the catalog in effect at the time of the petition to graduate.

Each new catalog year begins with the summer session.

REFERENCES/

**AUTHORITY:** Solano Community College District Governing Board

**ADOPTED:** May 17, 1989 **REVISED:** January 17, 2007

REVIEWED:

**POLICY:** 

The Superintendent-President shall establish procedures that establish standards of scholarship consistent with the provisions of Title 5 Sections 55020 et seq., 55030 et seq., 55040 et seq., and Board policy.

These procedures shall address: grading practices, academic record symbols, grade point average, credit by examination, academic and progress probation, academic and progress dismissal, academic renewal, course repetition, limits on remedial coursework, and grade changes.

These procedures shall be described in the Solano Community College District catalog.

REFERENCES/ AUTHORITY:

Education Code Section 70902(b)(3);

Title 5 Sections 55020 et seq., 55030 et seq., and 55040 et

sea.

ADOPTED:

#### FIELD TRIPS AUTHORIZATION AND EXCURSIONS

6400

**POLICY:** 

Field trips are recognized as valuable experiential learning to augment classroom instruction. Field trips shall be scheduled to the extent of the District's resource availability and within the requirements of the law.

The Superintendent/President or Designee shall establish procedures that regulate the use of District funds for student travel and attendance at conferences and other activities that are performed as a class assignment or co-curricular activity.

The District may pay for expenses of students participating in a field trip or excursion with auxiliary, grant or categorical program funds if the funds are used consistently with the funding source. The expenses of instructors, chaperones, and other personnel traveling with students may also be paid from district funds.

Students and staff shall at all times adhere to the standards of conduct applicable to conduct on campus.

REFERENCES/

**AUTHORITY:** California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 55220

ADOPTED: REVISED:

November 19, 1986 December 19, 2001 January 17, 2007 August 19, 2009

#### FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

6400

## PROCEDURES (NEW)

The District may conduct field trips and excursions in connection with courses of instruction or college-related social, educational, cultural, athletic or musical activities to and from places in California, or any other state, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country for students.

The District shall engage instructors, supervisors, and other personnel as may be necessary for such excursions or field trips who desire to contribute their services over and above the normal period for which they are employed by the District.

The District shall, at the discretion of the Chief Instructional Officer, transport students, instructors, supervisors or other personnel by use of District equipment, contract to provide transportation, or arrange transportation by the use of other equipment.

When District equipment is used, the District shall obtain liability insurance, and if travel is to and from a foreign country, the liability insurance shall be secured from a carrier licensed to transact insurance business in the foreign country.

The District may pay expenses of instructors, chaperones and other personnel participating in a field trip or excursion. Payment shall be by way of itemized reimbursement in a form prescribed by the Chief Financial Officer. The District may pay for expenses of students participating in a field trip or excursion with auxiliary, grant or categorical program funds if the funds are used consistently with the funding source.

No student shall be prevented from making a field trip or excursion which is integral to the completion of the course because of lack of sufficient funds. The District shall coordinate efforts of community services groups to provide funds for students in need of them.

All persons making a field trip or excursion shall be deemed to have waived all claims against the District for injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of the field trip or excursion. All adults taking such trips and all parents or guardians of minor students shall sign a statement waiving such claims.

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REFERENCES/		
<b>AUTHORITY:</b>	Title 5 Section 55220	

#### GRADING PRACTICES AND ACADEMIC RECORD SYMBOLS

6410

**POLICY:** 

Courses shall be graded using the grading system established by <u>Title 5</u>. The grading system shall be published in the College Catalog and made available to students.

## **Evaluative Symbols**

A – Excellent

B-Good

C-Satisfactory

D - Passing (Less than satisfactory)

F - Failing

P - Pass (At least satisfactory)

NP - No Pass (Less than satisfactory)

## Non-Evaluative Symbols

I-Incomplete

RD – Report delayed

W – Withdrawal

MW - Military withdrawal

#### REFERENCES/

AUTHORITY: <u>California Code of Regulations</u>, Title 5, Section 55758

55023

California Education Code, Sections 70901, 70902 and

76000

**ADOPTED:** November 19, 1986 **REVISED:** December 19, 2001

January 17, 2007,

GRADE CHANGES 6411

**POLICY:** 

The Superintendent/President or designee shall implement procedures to assure the accuracy and integrity of all grades awarded by faculty. The procedures shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- Assurance that in the absence of mistake, bad faith, fraud or incompetence, the grades awarded by faculty shall be final.
- Procedures for students to challenge the correctness of a grade.
- The installation of security measures to protect grade records and grade storage systems from unauthorized access.
- Limitations on access to grade records and grade storage systems.
- Discipline for students or staff who are found to have gained access to grade records without proper authorization or to have changed grades without proper authorization.
- Notice to students, faculty, transfer institutions, accreditation agencies and law enforcement agencies if unauthorized access to grade records and grade storage systems is discovered to have occurred.

Also see Board Policy 3500 titled Retention and Destruction of Records, Administrative Procedure 6411 Grade Changes, and Board Policy/Administrative Procedures 5150 titled Student Records Retention and Destruction.

REFERENCES/ AUTHORITY:

California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 55025

California Education Code, Sections 76224, 76232

ADOPTED: REVISED:

February 19, 1992 December 19, 2001 January 17, 2007 August 19, 2009

GRADE CHANGES 6411

#### **PROCEDURES**

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. "Mistake" may include, but is not limited to, errors made by an instructor in calculating a student's grade and clerical errors. "Fraud" may include, but is not limited to, inaccurate recording or change of a grade by any person who gains access to grade records without authorization.

The removal or change of an incorrect grade from a student's record shall only be done pursuant to Education Code Section 76232 or by an alternative method that ensures that each student shall be afforded an objective and reasonable review of the requested grade change.

If the procedure requires that a student first request a grade change from the instructor, provisions shall be made to allow another faculty member to substitute for the instructor if the student has filed a discrimination complaint, if the instructor is not available or where the District determines that it is possible that there may have been gross misconduct by the original instructor.

In the case of fraud, bad faith, or incompetence, the final determination concerning removal or change of grade will be made by the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

In all cases, the instructor who first awarded the grade will be given written notice of the change.

#### Security of Grade Records

The District shall implement security measures for student records that assure no person may obtain access to student grade records without proper authorization. These measures shall be installed as part of any computerized grade data storage system.

The measures implemented by the District shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, password protection for all student grade data bases, locking mechanisms for computer stations from which student grade data bases can be viewed, and strict limits on the number of persons who are authorized to change student grades.

Persons authorized to change grades shall be designated by the Director of Admissions and Records. No more than five District employees may be authorized to change student grades. Only regular full-time employees of the District may be authorized to change grades. Student

workers shall not have access to grade records, and student workers may not change grades at any time.

Any person who discovers that grades have been changed by someone other than the persons authorized to do so shall notify the Director of Admissions and Records immediately. The Director of Admissions and Records shall immediately take steps to lock the grade storage system entirely while an investigation is conducted.

If any student's grade record is found to have been changed without proper authorization, the District will notify 1) the student; 2) the instructor who originally awarded the grade; 3) any educational institution to which the student has transferred; 4) the accreditation agency; and 5) appropriate local law enforcement authorities.

Whenever a grade is changed for any reason, corrected transcripts will be sent to any educational institution to which a student has transferred.

Any student or employee who is found to have gained access to grade recording systems without proper authorization, or who is found to have changed any grade without proper authority to do so, shall be subject to discipline in accordance with District policies and procedures.

Any person who is found to have gained access to grade recording systems without proper authorization, or who is found to have changed any grade without proper authority to do so, shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the college where the incident occurred.

Also see Board Policy 3500 titled Retention and Destruction of Records, and Board Policy/Administrative Procedures 5150 titled Student Records Retention and Destruction.

- 1. Submit your request in writing directly to the faculty member within one year after completing the course for which the grade change is being requested.
- 2. If the faculty member is not available, you may submit your request through the Academic Council Petition process. However, only the faculty member that assigned the original grade may authorize a change of grade.
- 3. If there are verifiable extenuating circumstances that precluded you from making a request within one year, you may submit a request through the Academic Council; however, a request for change of grade may not be initiated beyond four years after the completion of the course.
- 4. Requests that involve changing an evaluative grade (A, B, C, D, F, Pass/No Pass) to a non-evaluative grade (W) can be done only if

extenuating circumstances apply. (Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illnesses or other circumstances beyond the control of the student.)

- 5. The determination of the student's grade by the instructor shall be final in the absence of mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetency.
- 6. Students will be notified when grade changes have been posted.

GOVERNING BOARD REVIEW:	May 17, 1989
	August 19, 2009,

## **GRADING RECORD RETENTION**

6412

**POLICY:** 

Faculty shall retain grading records for four years after the college year in which they originated (e.g., 2000-01 plus 4 = 2004-05). Retained grades shall be confidential. Student records to be destroyed shall be done in an appropriate manner assuring confidentiality of the information.

REFERENCES/

AUTHORITY: SCC Board Policy 5150 ("Student Records Retention and

Destruction")

California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 59026

California Education Code, Sections 70901, 76220, and

76246

ADOPTED: REVISED:

February 19, 1992 December 19, 2001 January 17, 2007 August 19, 2009

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COLLEGE CATALOG 6420

POLICY: The College shall publish a general catalog containing

information, regulations and procedures about admission, academic requirements, courses of study, student services

and other general information about the College.

REFERENCES/

AUTHORITY: Solano Community College District Governing Board

**ADOPTED:** October 18, 1971 **REVISED:** November 19, 1986

January 17, 2007

December 5, 2007

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ACADEMIC FREEDOM 6430

**POLICY:** 

The Solano Community College District affirms its belief in the academic freedom of its full and part-time faculty and students to engage in any campus or off-campus teaching, studying, research, writing, and criticism deemed appropriate by such individuals to the spirit of free inquiry and the pursuit of truth.

As stated in <u>American Freedom and Tenure</u>, 1969 (Handbook of American Association of University Professors):

. . . academic freedom consists in the absence of, or protection from, such restraints or pressures -- chiefly in the form of sanctions, threatened by the state or church authorities or by the authorities, faculties, or students of colleges and universities, but occasionally also by other power groups in society -- as are designed to create in the minds of academic scholars (teachers, research workers, and students in colleges and universities) fears and anxieties that may inhibit them from freely studying and investigating whatever they are interested in, and from freely discussing, teaching, or publishing whatever opinions they have reached.

Since these rights of academic freedom carry responsibilities with them, each faculty member and student should strive to be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and will indicate that he or she does not speak, necessarily for the College.

REFERENCES/ AUTHORITY:

California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 51023

Accreditation Standard II.A.7

ACCJC Accreditation Eligibility Requirement 20 and ACCJC Accreditation Standard I.C.7

ADOPTED:

December 19, 1984

**REVISED:** 

January 17, 2007, August 19, 2009,

ATHLETICS 6510

POLICY: The District shall maintain an organized program for men

and women in intercollegiate athletics. The program shall not discriminate on the basis of gender in the availability of

athletic opportunities.

The District shall assure that the athletics program complies with the California Community Colleges Commission on Athletics Athletic Association Constitution and Sports Guides Bylaws, and appropriate Conference Constitution

regarding student athlete participation.

REFERENCES/

**AUTHORITY:** Title 9

California Education Code Section 78223

**CCAA Constitution and Bylaws** 

ADOPTED: December 19, 2001

**REVISED:** January 17, 2007, \_\_\_\_\_