RESOLUTION on Grade Forgiveness and Course Repeats effective Fall Term 2026

Impact on Existing Policy: Align the Cal Poly policy on grade forgiveness and course repeats with CSU Executive Order 1037.

WHEREAS, AS-702-10 Resolution on Grade Forgiveness established that students be permitted to repeat up to 16 units for grade forgiveness in courses that they earned grades of C-, D+, D, D-, F, or WU (Quarter Units); and

WHEREAS, Currently, students may repeat up to 18 units of courses, in addition to the 16 units for grade forgiveness, for a total of 34 quarter units; and

WHEREAS, Once students accumulate 34 quarter units (16 units with forgiveness + 18 units with averaging) of repeated courses, they are no longer allowed to repeat any future courses for forgiveness or averaging; and

WHEREAS, CSU Executive Order 1037 on “Grading, Repetition of Courses, Academic Renewal, and Appeals Policy” states that: undergraduate students may repeat up to 16 semester-units (24 quarter-units) with grade forgiveness, that undergraduate students may repeat an individual course for grade forgiveness no more than two times, and that grade forgiveness shall not be applicable to courses for which the original grade was the result of a finding of academic dishonesty. Further, undergraduate students may repeat an additional 12 semester-units or 18 quarter-units where the repeat grade does not replace the original grade but instead both grades shall be calculated into the student’s overall grade-point average.

WHEREAS, Campuses may elect to be more restrictive on course repeats than the maximum listed in CSU Executive Order 1037.

WHEREAS, Currently 21 CSU campuses allow grade forgiveness and course repeats up to the maximum cited in CSU Executive Order 1037 (exceptions CP-SLO [16+18], CSUSB [12+30]); therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo supports amending the policy for grade forgiveness/course repeat up to the maximum cited in the provisions of CSU Executive Order 1037 allowing for 16 semester-units for grade forgiveness and 12 semester-units for course repeat for a total of 28 semester-units; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this provision become effective beginning with the Fall term of 2026.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Instruction Committee
Date: January 30, 2024

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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Response to AS-968-24 Resolution on Grade Forgiveness and Course Repeats Effective Fall Term 2026

By way of this memo, I approve the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution.

Please extend my appreciation to the Academic Senate and the Academic Senate Instruction Committee for their attention to student success and continued efforts to make efficient and effective revisions of academic policies relating to semester conversion.