Academic Standards Policy

Academic standing is based upon all coursework completed in the San Mateo County Community College District (includes Cañada, CSM, and Skyline). The Academic Standards Policy of Cañada College and the San Mateo County Community College District is based on a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C), the minimum standard required for graduation or transfer. A grade point average of less than 2.0 is considered deficient.

Grade point average (GPA) is determined by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the total number of letter graded (GPA) units.

Academic standing, including determination of probation or dismissal status, is based upon all coursework completed at Cañada College, College of San Mateo, and Skyline College.

Special program academic eligibility requirements for financial aid, athletics and Veteran's Educational Benefits may differ. Students should consult with the specific office for applicable program eligibility requirements.

Units of Work and Credit

A "unit" of college credit usually represents one hour per week of lecture and approximately two hours per week of homework, or 3 hours per week of laboratory for semester-length courses.

Unit Deficiency Due to Quarter to Semester Unit Conversion

Students who transfer in coursework that involves quarter units should carefully review their transfer credit evaluation to see how their quarter units are being converted to semester units and whether any deficiencies exist. Unit deficiencies may be addressed in multiple ways in order to ensure requirements are met.