

MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE
GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES

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3105 Prerequisites/Corequisites

The Monterey Peninsula Community College District adopts the following policy in order for the establishing, reviewing, and challenging of prerequisites, corequisites, advisories on recommended preparation, and certain limitations on enrollment in a manner consistent with law and good practice. The Governing Board recognizes that prerequisites, corequisites, advisories, and enrollment limitations should be designed so that they do not serve as barriers to student access or success; therefore, the Board adopts this policy which calls for caution and careful scrutiny in establishing them. The Board recognizes that it is as important to have prerequisites in place where they are a vital factor in maintaining academic standards as it is to avoid establishing prerequisites where they are not needed. For these reasons, the Board has sought to establish a policy that fosters the appropriate balance between these two concerns:

College Policies and Procedures

1. The College shall provide the following explanations both in the College Catalog and in the schedule of classes:
 - a. Definitions of prerequisites, corequisites, and limitations on enrollment including the specific differences among them.
 - b. The specific prerequisites, corequisites, and limitations on enrollment which have been established pursuant to Section 55200(G)-(F) of Title 5.
 - c. Procedures for a student to challenge prerequisites, corequisites, and limitations on enrollment and circumstances under which a student is encouraged to make such a challenge.
 - d. Definitions of advisories on recommended preparation, and the right of a student to choose to take a course without meeting the advisory.

Challenge Process

2. The College shall establish procedures by which any student who does not meet a prerequisite or corequisite or who is not permitted to enroll due to a limitation on enrollment, but who provides satisfactory evidence, may seek entry into the class according to a challenge process as required in and according to provisions of Section 55201(f) of Title 5 and Section I.B.1-3 of the State Chancellor's Office Model District Policy.

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Curriculum Review Process

3. The College certifies that the Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC) has been established by mutual agreement of the administration and the Academic Senate as required in Section 55002 (a) (1) of Title 5. In its role of reviewing and recommending courses, the CAC will also review and recommend prerequisites, corequisites, advisories on recommended preparation, and limitation on enrollment pursuant to Sections 55002, 55201, 55202 and 58106 of Title 5.
4. A Senate appointed committee shall work with the CAC Chair, the Matriculation Coordinator, and the Vice President of Instruction and Student Services to verify and provide documentation that prerequisites or corequisites meet the scrutiny specified in one of the measures of readiness specified in Section 55201 (b)(1) of Title 5 and Sections II.A. 1 a-g of the State Chancellor's Office Model District Policy.
5. The Program Review Committee will provide for a review of each prerequisite, corequisite, or advisory at least every six years pursuant to Section 55201 (b) (3) of Title 5 and Section I.D. of the State Chancellor's Office Model District Policy. Any prerequisite or corequisite which is successfully challenged under subsections (1), (2), or (3) of Section 55201 (f) shall be reviewed promptly thereafter to assure that it is in compliance with all other provisions of the law.

The Program Review Committee will also provide for a review of each limitation on enrollment at least every six years pursuant to Section II.C. of the State Chancellor's Model District Policy.

Implementing Prerequisites, Corequisites, and Limitations on Enrollment

6. The College shall establish procedures wherein every attempt shall be made to enforce all conditions a student must meet to be enrolled through the registration process so that a student is not permitted to enroll unless he or she has met all the conditions or has met all except those for which he or she has a pending challenge or for which further information is needed before final determination is possible of whether the student has met the condition pursuant to Section 55202(g) of Title 5 and Section I.D. of the State Chancellor's Office Model District Policy.

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Instructor's Formal Agreement to Teach the Course as Described

7. The College shall establish a procedure whereby courses for which prerequisites, corequisites, or advisories on recommended preparation are established will be taught in accordance with the course outline pursuant to Section 55201(b) (2) of Title 5.

Reference: California Code of Regulations, Sections 55002, 55200, 55201, 55202 & 58106 of Title 5; State Chancellor's Office Model District Policy; Sections I.B., I.D., II.A. & II.C.

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