

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF VERMONT
ACADEMIC POLICIES

AMELIORATION OF UNSUCCESSFUL SEMESTERS

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POLICY

CCV recognizes that under certain circumstances, it is appropriate to ameliorate the effect of unsuccessful semesters on a matriculated student's cumulative grade point average.

PROCEDURE

1. A student who wishes to prevent any earned quality points of a given semester from counting in his/her cumulative grade point average may petition the Academic Dean to take such action.
2. After achieving good academic standing for one semester, and before filing the petition, a student must meet with an advisor to discuss the purpose of amelioration and to determine if there are suitable reasons for filing a petition.
3. The petition should take the form of a letter that outlines the reasons for poor academic performance and why amelioration is being requested.
4. The petition should be accompanied by a letter from the student's advisor which supports the request.
5. A CCV student may make use of this policy one time only.
6. All "ameliorated" grades will remain on a student's official transcript but the grades will not be counted in the student's cumulative g.p.a.
7. Ameliorated C- or better courses may still satisfy program requirements.
8. A student attempting to ameliorate grades from another VSC college after enrolling at CCV must achieve one semester or at least 6 credits of satisfactory academic progress (2.0 GPA or better) following the semester for which amelioration is requested. The CCV academic dean will consult with the academic dean at the institution where the grades were awarded before approving amelioration. The CCV registrar will inform the registrar of the VSC college from which the ameliorated grades were awarded.
9. The decision to ameliorate a semester's grades remains exclusively with the academic dean.