Special Academic Policies

Orientation /Student Development
All curricular students, except those in career studies certificate programs, shall participate in SDV 100, 101 or 108 which are courses designed primarily to foster student success. This course should be completed within the first 15 credit hours of enrollment at the community college, unless the student is not required to complete an SDV course because it is waived. The requirement may be waived for students who hold an Associate Degree or Bachelor’s Degree from a regionally accredited institution. Other requests for a waiver may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students must still successfully complete the required number of credits for their degree.

Auditing a Course
Students desiring to attend a course without taking examinations or receiving credit for the course do so by registering to audit that course during the add/drop period. Students pay the regular tuition. Permission of the faculty member and appropriate dean is required to audit a course.

Audited courses carry no credit and do not count as a part of the student’s course load. Students desiring to change status in a course from audit to credit must do so by the last date to be eligible for a refund for the course. Changes from credit to audit must be made by the official last day for students to withdraw from a course without penalty. Financial aid is not allowed to pay for audited courses.

Waiver of Requirements
Several programs allow the waiving of a course requirement under specific conditions. The credit requirement must be satisfied with other credits. Any student planning to take advantage of an allowable course waiver must meet the catalog-stated conditions. Students are advised to consult with a faculty advisor or counselor in selecting suitable alternative credits.

Transfer between Curricula
As students proceed in their studies, they may decide to change their program or curriculum. Students are encouraged to make an appointment with a counselor or faculty advisor for assistance.

Other Administrative Information and Policies

Annual Notice: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the date the College receives a request for access. Students should submit to the admissions and records officer, or other appropriate official, written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The College official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the College official to whom the request was submitted does not maintain the records, that official will advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Students may ask the College to amend a record they believe is inaccurate or misleading by writing to the admissions and records officer. Students need to