

Academic Forgiveness

NOTE: This policy is currently under review. If a new version is approved during the 2023-2024 academic year, the policy document link below and this Bulletin page will be updated accordingly.

Scope of Policy & Rationale

The Academic Forgiveness policy allows students approved for re-enrollment an opportunity to return with a reset grade point average. If they apply for and are approved for Academic Forgiveness, these students re-enroll with a 0.00 cumulative grade point average and the opportunity to apply credits from courses completed previously at Temple with a "C-" or higher towards their degree.

Former undergraduate, degree-seeking students who have not taken any coursework at Temple University for a minimum of four consecutive years are eligible for Academic Forgiveness (policy # 02.10.17). Students are also eligible to petition for Academic Forgiveness after three consecutive years of non-enrollment at Temple if, during that time, they have completed at least 15 transferable credits elsewhere with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher.

Definitions

1. **Re-enrolled** - Students are re-enrolled when they are approved to return to the university after a period of separation from the university or following academic dismissal. These students follow the then-current degree requirements.
2. **Academic Forgiveness** - Academic Forgiveness is a status that enables students to return to the university with a reset cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 0.00.
3. **Four Consecutive Years** - A total of eight consecutive fall and spring semesters.
4. **Three Consecutive Years** - A total of six consecutive fall and spring semesters.

Policy Statement

Undergraduate, degree-seeking students who re-enroll following a minimum absence from the university defined by this policy may petition to have their cumulative GPA reset at the time of re-enrollment to the university. Once applied, Academic Forgiveness cannot be reversed.

Upon successful application for Academic Forgiveness:

- Cumulative grade point average will be reset to 0.00 after the Drop/Add period of the semester of reenrollment.
- All prior courses and grades will remain on the student's academic record and transcript.
- The notation of "Academic Forgiveness" will be recorded on the student's transcript.
- Courses previously earned at Temple University with grades of CD, D+, D, D-, F, NC, NR, MG, PI will not be used for credit towards the student's degree. Credit will be considered for courses with grades of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C- and CR. The student's department has final approval of credits that will count towards graduation. Schools/Colleges may disallow credits towards graduation for courses that are no longer applicable to the current degree, per applicable major rules.

Re-enrolled students electing the forgiveness option may repeat a course one additional time if they previously exhausted their repeat options for that course under the policy on Repeating a Course (policy # 02.10.12).

Students who choose Academic Forgiveness and wish to qualify for Latin Honors at Graduation must complete a minimum of 60 earned credit hours at Temple following their reinstatement, i.e., excluding their earned credit hours allowed at the time of academic forgiveness.

Students are afforded one opportunity for Academic Forgiveness.

Notes

1. Dates of official enactment and amendments

Adopted by the president on February 8, 2011. Effective August 30, 2011 (Fall 2011).

The January 2021 amendment adds a three-year option for students who complete credits elsewhere; specifies that once Academic Forgiveness is applied it cannot be reversed; and students can only be approved for Academic Forgiveness once.

It also adds the grade CD to the grades that cannot be used for credit towards the student's degree.

2. History

This policy was amended in January 2021.

Supersedes

Previous policies concerning Withdrawal; Repeat; and Academic Warning, Probation and Dismissal with effective dates prior to May 16, 2011.

3. Cross References

- Policy # 02.10.12, Repeating a Course (Undergraduate)
- Policy # 02.10.14, Discontinuation of Registration: Dropping or Withdrawing from Courses (Undergraduate and Graduate)

- Policy # 02.10.11, Academic Standing (Undergraduate)
- Policy # 02.10.18, Transfer Credit Policy for Matriculated Undergraduate Students
Procedures related to this policy can be found in the Academic Policies section of the *Undergraduate Bulletin*.