

# Academic Forgiveness

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## Scope of Policy & Rationale

Former undergraduate, baccalaureate 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 electing Academic Forgiveness must choose the option before the end of the drop/add period of their first semester following their absence.]

## Definitions

1. **Re-enrolled** - Students are re-enrolled when they are approved to return to the university after leaving of their own accord.
2. **Reinstated** - Students are reinstated when they are approved to return to the university following dismissal.
3. **Academic Forgiveness** - Academic Forgiveness is a status that enables students to return to the university with a renewed cumulative grade point average (GPA).
4. **Four Consecutive Years** - A total of eight consecutive fall and spring semesters.

## Policy Statement

Undergraduate, baccalaureate degree-seeking students who re-enroll or are reinstated following a four-year consecutive absence from the university may petition to have their cumulative GPA recalculated from the time of re-enrollment/reinstatement to the university.

Upon successful petition:

- Cumulative GPA will be reset to 0.00.
- 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 D+, D, D-, F and NC will not be used for credit. 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 some older courses.

Re-enrolled or reinstated 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).

Once enacted, the reset GPA cannot be reversed.

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).
2. **History.** 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, Withdrawal from Classes (Undergraduate and Graduate)
  - Policy # 02.10.11, Academic Standing (Undergraduate)

[Note: Academic Forgiveness students wishing 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)]