Academic Renewal Policy

The Academic Renewal Policy allows students who are enrolled in a University System of Georgia (USG) institution to have a fresh start if they have had academic difficulties in the past.

Requirements for Eligibility

• Current or former students must apply for Academic Renewal by contacting the Office of the Registrar. New students must contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The granting of Academic Renewal is not automatic.
• Students must apply for Academic Renewal, if they choose this option, by the end of their third semester of enrollment or by the end of one calendar year, whichever comes first.
• Academic Renewal may be granted only once by a USG college or university.
• Students must have experienced their academic difficulties at Georgia Southern University or be a transfer student from a regionally accredited institution of higher education to be eligible for Academic Renewal.

Readmitted students

• Undergraduate students who return to a previously attended USG institution may be eligible for Academic Renewal.
• Readmitted students must be absent from Georgia Southern University for three (3) years, the required period of absence.
• The period of absence is calculated based on the period of time between the date of last enrollment at Georgia Southern University and the date of return to Georgia Southern University.
• Only coursework completed prior to the period of absence may be considered for Academic Renewal. If Academic Renewal is granted, all coursework completed prior to the period of absence will be renewed.
• Students may attend other institutions during the period of absence; however, that coursework will not be eligible for Academic Renewal. Transfer credit for any coursework taken during the period of absence shall be granted in accordance with the prevailing USG and Georgia Southern University policies and procedures regarding the awarding of transfer credit.

Transfer students

• Students who previously attended a USG institution or any regionally-accredited institution of higher education and transfer to Georgia Southern University may be eligible for Academic Renewal for coursework taken three (3) or more years prior to the term of enrollment at Georgia Southern University.
• If Academic Renewal is granted, all coursework completed three (3) years prior to the term of enrollment at Georgia Southern University will be renewed.
• Courses taken less than three (3) years prior to the term of enrollment at Georgia Southern University are ineligible for consideration for Academic Renewal. Transfer credit for any coursework taken three (3) or more years prior to the first term of enrollment at Georgia Southern University shall be granted in accordance with the prevailing USG and Georgia Southern University policies and procedures regarding the awarding of transfer credit. Retained grades are not calculated in a renewal GPA. Such credit is considered in the same context as transfer credit, credit by examination, and courses with grades of “S”.

About the Policy

• A student’s total institution Grade Point Average (GPA) upon Academic Renewal will begin at his/her first semester of enrollment/re-enrollment at Georgia Southern University.
• All past academic suspensions and exclusions will remain on the student’s permanent record.
• All Georgia History, Constitution, College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC), and other Board of Regents Policy requirements met prior to Academic Renewal will remain on the student’s permanent record and will count in regard to those policies.
• Graduation with honors will be based on the cumulative (overall) GPA as defined in the policies for determining graduation with honors. All previous grades will be used in determining honors.
• Reentry into a student’s previous major program is not automatic.
• The granting of Academic Renewal does not supersede any financial aid policies.
• Academic Renewal will not supersede admissions requirements for certain programs which require a specific minimum GPA based upon all course work.

Total Institution GPA

• All past grades of D and F will be forgiven in the readmitted student’s total institution GPA upon Academic Renewal, but will remain in the student’s official cumulative Georgia Southern University GPA. The student will lose credit for courses in which he/she earned D grades.
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