

Academic Forgiveness Policy

General Academic Proposal/Policy Cover Sheet

General Catalog Information

** Read before you begin **

This cover sheet is intended to provide information to members of the Education Policy Committee (EPC) and Faculty Senate about a new proposal/policy or about revisions to an existing proposal/policy.

Topic* Academic Forgiveness Policy

- Are you Proposing:***
- New academic policy or regulations .
 - Change academic policy or regulations .
 - Delete academic policy or regulations

Visit our current catalog [here](#) and paste the policy you're proposing to change or delete below. Then edit it to show the changes. If you are proposing a new policy, enter the text below.

Policy*

Academic Forgiveness Policy

A student who has previously attended Longwood University and is re-admitted after an absence of at least 24 months may be eligible for Academic Forgiveness. Academic Forgiveness is designed to allow students who began their academic career poorly with an opportunity to re-start their academic career. Academic Forgiveness provides the student an opportunity to have all grades prior to their readmission removed from their Grade Point Average. In essence, Academic Forgiveness allows a student to re-start their Longwood Grade Point Average. With Academic Forgiveness, NO grades will carry over, even if they were satisfactory, and all Longwood credits earned prior to readmission will be forfeited. To be considered for Academic Forgiveness, the student must complete 12 semester credits and earn at least a 2.25 Grade Point Average their first semester after returning to Longwood.

If Academic Forgiveness is approved by the Associate Dean of the student's college, the appropriate form will be completed, signed, and forwarded to the Registrar. Coursework completed prior to a student's re-admission to Longwood will continue to appear on the transcript, but the grades will not be factored into the Grade Point Average, and no Longwood credits will be retained.

The option of pursuing Academic Forgiveness is available to any student who

has been not been enrolled in any courses at Longwood University for a period of at least 24 months, regardless of whether the student had previously been suspended or chose to leave the University for other reasons. Because it removes earned credits as well as satisfactory and unsatisfactory grades, Academic Forgiveness is extreme and should only be utilized by students with extremely low Grade Point Averages for whom the repeat policy is insufficient. Again, no grades will carry over, even if they were satisfactory, and all Longwood credits are forfeited.

Additional Academic Forgiveness Specifics:

1. Enrollment at another institution during the 24-month period does not prohibit a student from applying for Academic Forgiveness when returning to Longwood University.
2. The student should consult with their College's Associate Dean before applying for Academic Forgiveness. Students then complete the appropriate form and submit it to the Registrar.
3. Part time students may take advantage of this option after they complete at least 12 hours of coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.25 upon their return.
4. All coursework taken upon return to Longwood University must be taken for a letter grade.
5. Longwood students are permitted a total of five re-take options during their Longwood career. Although the grades for the courses prior to Academic Forgiveness are removed from the Grade Point Average, the number of re-take options is not. For example, a student who used two re-take options prior to Academic Forgiveness will have a maximum of three re-take options after Forgiveness.
6. Academic Forgiveness may be used only once.
7. This option is specific to Longwood University. If a student were to transfer to another university before completing a degree at Longwood, the receiving institution may not recognize the Forgiveness.
8. Once a student completes a degree from Longwood University and decides to apply to a professional college (e. g., law school, medical school, graduate school), the professional college may not accept or recognize the Forgiveness.
9. Students should consult with Financial Aid about how this policy will affect their status.

Hierarchy Owner*

Longwood University

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BACKGROUND

Provide a brief statement

The Academic Forgiveness Policy allows qualified students to reset their

describing the origins of this proposal, the nature of the problem it addresses, and the work completed to devise the proposal*

Longwood GPA after an absence of 24 months. It is intended to help students who have accrued an overall GPA so low that even the successful application of the repeat policy would not provide a legitimate path toward graduation.

The severity of this policy implies that the student is starting over completely, losing all credits while resetting a GPA to 0.0. However, while the Policy is insistant that "NO grades will carry over, even if they were satisfactory," it is silent on the subject of credits. This silence may be interpreted to allow students to retain all earned credits while removing even passing grades. Current practice is to remove both grades and credits. These updates will make that practice explicit.

SUMMARY

Provide a brief list or statement describing the content of the new policy or the proposed changes or deletions to an existing policy*

Language has been added in several places to clarify that students forfeit all earned credits when they invoke the Academic Forgiveness Policy.

The term Assistant/Assciate Dean has been shortened to just Associate Dean, reflecting current titles.

Mention of the completion of a "following form" has been removed because no such form is included in the catalog.

RATIONALE

Provide a brief statement as to why the new policy, the proposed changes, or the deletion is needed*

Adding language that direlctly addresses credits will underscore the severity of this policy and settle an ongoing point of confusion.