

## ACADEMIC FORGIVENESS

### Purpose Statement

The FSU Academic Forgiveness policy makes it possible for capable undergraduate students to return to Ferris by removing the deleterious effect of poor grades on their cumulative GPA.

### Policy

Undergraduate students seeking academic forgiveness must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Have not earned an undergraduate degree.
- 2) Have not attended Ferris State University (FSU) for at least three years.
- 3) Apply and be readmitted to FSU

Terms of Academic Forgiveness:

- 1) In consultation with faculty in the respective department(s), academic advisors will make recommendations about prior coursework for which a student will be given “credit” toward meeting graduation requirements to the office of the dean of the college to which the student is applying for readmission.
- 2) The student may have their cumulative grade point average (GPA) recalculated by removing all grades received for a period not to exceed *three consecutive semesters*.
- 3) Prior grades will remain on the transcript with a notation indicating that academic forgiveness was granted but will not be used in calculating the GPA.
- 4) Prior grades and attempted course hours will continue to be used in Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) calculations for any and all student aid.
- 5) Academic Forgiveness can be granted only one time. Once granted, the action is permanent and will not be reversed.

### Audience

The intended audience for this policy are the former students, deans, college/department leadership, advisors, and program faculty responsible for the curriculum.

### Definitions

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) – Satisfactory Academic Progress indicates the successful completion of coursework towards a degree or certificate. According to federal regulations, students who fail to make satisfactory academic progress towards their degree or certificate will lose their eligibility to receive Federal Student Aid (FSA).

### Contacts

For questions regarding this Policy, contact Academic Affairs ([academicaffairs@ferris.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@ferris.edu)).

## **Related Documents**

### Academic Forgiveness Application

Requirements for readmission after academic dismissal:

[https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/academicaffairs/Forms\\_Policies/Documents/Policy\\_Letters/AA-Readmission-After-Dismissal.pdf](https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/academicaffairs/Forms_Policies/Documents/Policy_Letters/AA-Readmission-After-Dismissal.pdf)

Requirements for readmission following a voluntary interruption in enrollment:

[https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/academicaffairs/Forms\\_Policies/Documents/Policy\\_Letters/AA-Admissions.pdf](https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/academicaffairs/Forms_Policies/Documents/Policy_Letters/AA-Admissions.pdf)

### Satisfactory Academic Progress

## **History**

This is a new policy.