

Academic Forgiveness

University Policy 2600

1 **Section 1. Purpose**

2 Academic forgiveness promotes a learning environment in which students who improve
3 their academic performance can renew their commitment to academic success and
4 earn their degree. This policy exists so that students who are ready to succeed are not
5 prevented from success due to a past period of poor academic performance. The
6 university supports academic renewal through academic forgiveness.

7 **Section 2. Definitions**

- 8 • Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): the average of all grades earned at
9 Metro State and is calculated as described in University Policy 2080 and by the
10 Registrar's Office.
- 11 • Financial Aid Eligibility: a student's eligibility for federal financial aid as well as
12 additional forms of financial aid. According to federal regulations, credits and
13 grades for which students have been granted academic forgiveness must
14 continue to be included when determining the cumulative GPA, percentage of
15 credits completed, and the maximum time frame calculations.
- 16 • Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP): Defined in University Policy 2060, the
17 terms by which students are placed on or removed from academic warning or
18 suspension. SAP minimum completion rates and grade point averages are also
19 applied to determine financial aid eligibility.

20 **Section 3. Policy**

21 A. Eligibility.

22 Students may seek academic forgiveness as a means to restarting their
23 academic career in order to graduate from Metro State University if they meet the
24 following eligibility requirements:

- 25 i. Have been separated from Metro State University for at least six (6)
26 consecutive semesters, including summer terms

- 27 ii. Had experienced academic challenges affecting their grade point average
28 prior to separation
- 29 iii. Have been readmitted through the regular readmission process
- 30 iv. Have consulted with their academic advisor
- 31 v. Have demonstrated academic success after readmission by successfully
32 completing at least six (6) undergraduate credits within two semesters
33 after readmission and earning a minimum average GPA of 2.75 for those
34 6 credits.

35 B. One-time opportunity upon readmission.

36 Students are allowed a one-time opportunity to establish a new undergraduate
37 cumulative grade point average (GPA) after they are readmitted to the university
38 according to University Policy 2000 and University Procedure 200.

39 C. Student responsibilities.

40 Students seeking academic forgiveness are responsible for ensuring their
41 eligibility, as described in this policy, and applying for academic forgiveness as
42 described in University Procedure 260.

43 D. Educational records and requirements.

44 In compliance with Minnstate System Procedure 209.1, Subpart B., Academic
45 Amnesty, Metro State course grades earned prior to academic forgiveness will
46 remain visible on the student's transcript but will not be included in the calculation
47 of the student's cumulative GPA for the purposes of SAP and minimum
48 graduation requirements found in University Policy 2020.

49 i. Academic forgiveness has the possibility of improving a student's grade
50 point average and course completion rate used to determine Academic
51 Standing (see University Policy 2050: Undergraduate Academic Standing)
52 and their achievement of the minimum grade point average required for
53 graduation.

54 ii. Due to federal financial aid regulations, academic forgiveness cannot
55 impact financial aid eligibility

56 iii. Academic forgiveness does not in itself relieve minimum grade
57 requirements of specific academic programs, such as majors.

58 **Section 4. Authority**

59 This policy is issued pursuant to the Board Policies and System Procedures of the
60 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system and the policies and procedures of
61 Metro State University.

62 **Section 5. Effective Date**

63 This university policy shall become effective upon signature by the president, and shall
64 remain in effect until modified or expressly revoked.

65 **Section 6. Responsibility**

66 The Provost or their designee is responsible for implementation of this policy.

67 **Section 7. Review**

68 This policy shall be reviewed on a biennial basis or as needed.

69 **Section 8. Signature**

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