Undergraduate Academic Amnesty # 340.300

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POLICY STATEMENT

Former FIU undergraduate students who have been academically dismissed and/or left FIU with a GPA below 2.00, may return to FIU with a pardon of their previous grade point average. Students must have not been enrolled at any accredited higher education institution or earned college credit through a fully online education providers, for at least five calendar years to apply for Academic Amnesty.

1) Students may request Academic Amnesty only during the readmission process. Once readmitted, students may not petition for any retroactive change in their academic record.
2) Students may apply for Academic Amnesty only once and may not apply for Academic Amnesty after having earned a first bachelor’s degree.
3) Students applying for Academic Amnesty to a program with specialized admissions or academic progression requirements must meet the admission criteria of that program.
4) If readmitted under Academic Amnesty, students will begin with a new grade point average of 0.00.
5) No grades previously earned will be included in the University grade point average; however, credit for previous University courses, in which a grade of C or better was earned may be applied toward a degree, subject to determination by the school or college of the student's major.
6) All prior attempted courses and grades received will remain on the student’s transcript.

SCOPE

This policy applies to undergraduate students who left FIU with a GPA below 2.00 and seek to be readmitted after five years of non-enrollment at any accredited higher education institution or earned college credit through fully online education providers.
**REASON FOR POLICY**

To provide former FIU Undergraduate students who may have been academically dismissed and/or left FIU with a GPA below 2.00, the ability to return to FIU by pardoning their previous grade point average.

**DEFINITIONS**

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**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- **Student**: Initiates the regular readmission application process and requests Academic Amnesty via application during the readmission process.
- **College/School Dean or the Dean’s designee**: Approves or denies the Academic Amnesty and Academic Plan.
- **Office of University Admissions**: Admits or denies applicant with recommendation from academic school or college.
- **Office of Admissions Operations**: Processes the re-admission of the students under this policy.
- **Transfer and Transition Services Office**: Performs the grade point average re-set on the student academic record.

**RELATED RESOURCES**

- Academic readmissions website: [https://admissions.fiu.edu/how-to-apply/returning-applicant/index.html](https://admissions.fiu.edu/how-to-apply/returning-applicant/index.html)
- Undergraduate catalog: [http://catalog.fiu.edu/](http://catalog.fiu.edu/)

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