Proposed Revision to Academic Renewal Policy

ACADEMIC RENEWAL

The Academic Renewal policy allows degree-seeking students who have experienced academic difficulty at Georgia Southwestern State University to have one opportunity to make a fresh start after an absence of three calendar years. Students must first apply for readmission following the readmission application procedure. Once readmitted, a student will have one calendar year to apply for Academic Renewal. To apply for Academic Renewal, students should send a written request to the Registrar, who will then review the student’s academic record to determine if the student could benefit from academic renewal. If the student is granted Academic Renewal, a new grade point average is established according to the following guidelines:

1. A Renewal GPA is begun when the student receives approval for Academic Renewal and includes all course work completed following the re-enrollment.
2. The Academic Renewal GPA will be used for determining academic standing and eligibility for graduation.
3. All previously attempted course work continues to be recorded on the student’s official transcript.
4. Credit the student completed with a grade of C or higher prior to readmission, either at Georgia Southwestern or at another accredited institution can be counted toward degree requirements, but will not count toward the renewed GPA.
5. To earn a degree, a student must meet the Georgia Southwestern State University residency requirements after acquiring Academic Renewal status.

Students should contact the Registrar’s office for more information about applying for Academic Renewal.

Current Policy

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The Academic Renewal policy allows University System of Georgia degree-seeking students who have experienced academic difficulty at an institution to have one opportunity to make a fresh start at that same institution after an absence of five calendar years from any and all colleges or universities. A student requesting academic renewal should write a letter to the Registrar.

Any degree-seeking student who has experienced academic difficulty at Georgia Southwestern, who has not attended any post-secondary institution for a period of five years and who wishes to make a fresh start may apply for Academic Renewal. Former Learning Support students may apply for Academic Renewal only if they successfully complete all Developmental Studies requirements prior to the commencement of the five year period of absence. A student re-enrolling after a five-year absence from Georgia Southwestern State University must apply for Academic Renewal within three terms after reenrollment or one calendar year, whichever comes first. If a student is granted Academic Renewal, a new grade point average will be established according to the following guidelines:

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