

Academic Policy: Academic Renewal

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Purpose:

The academic renewal policy permits undergraduate students, who return to Clarion University after a minimum three-year absence from the last semester of enrollment, the one-time option of having D and F coursework excluded from their grade-point average (GPA) calculation.

Policy:

Students enrolled in a bachelor's degree program may have up to 18 semester hours excluded from their GPA calculation. Students enrolled in an associate's degree program may have up to nine semester hours excluded from their GPA calculation. These semester hours must have been completed at Clarion University prior to readmission. Students must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 2.00 in their first 12 semester hours of study after readmission while on provisional status. Students, who do not achieve a minimum of 2.00 while on provisional status in their first 12 semester hours of study, are not eligible for academic renewal. The courses, grades, and probationary actions will remain on the transcript with an appropriate notation of academic renewal approved.

Students who have been suspended more than one time and absent from the university for a period of at least three years do not need to file a written appeal to the Academic Standards Committee. These students may be readmitted through the Office of the Registrar. Students must successfully complete a minimum of 30 hours before receiving a baccalaureate degree. Students must successfully complete a minimum of 15 hours before receiving an associate degree.

Students who are interested in applying for financial aid should contact the Student Financial Services Office to discuss their eligibility for federal and state aid programs. Academic renewal does not guarantee financial aid eligibility.

Disclaimer: Academic Renewal by Clarion University does not guarantee that other institutions or employers will accept the standards of said policy. Many graduate and professional degree programs disregard undergraduate institutional policies, and compute the undergraduate GPA utilizing all hours attempted when determining admission. Clarion University makes no guarantees as to how employers, certifying agencies, or other higher education institutions, including graduate

school, professional schools and their common application systems (CAS), or other offices interpret the transcript of a student utilizing the Academic Renewal policy.

It is the student's responsibility to determine the implications of the Academic Renewal GPA for each institutions' admissions process.

Procedures:

- a.** To receive approval for academic renewal, a student must have a minimum of 3 year absence since their last semester of enrollment.
- b.** The student must complete the Application for Readmission and have the minimum 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 2.0 in their first 12 semester hours after readmission.
- c.** The student may then complete and submit an academic renewal to the Office of the Registrar. Academic renewal forms may be found at:
<http://www.clarion.edu/academics/registrar/forms>.