



### 3.17.0.5 Academic Renewal

#### Part 1

The Academic Renewal policy, also known as Academic Forgiveness and Fresh Start, recognizes that for various reasons, some students who completed previous coursework at Century College have not met scholastic requirements. This policy acknowledges that students can change, mature or rediscover their potential and an appreciation of the benefits of an education. Academic Renewal allows students a one-time opportunity to establish a new Grade Point Average (GPA), at Century College. Instead of needing to enroll at another college/institution to get a fresh start, Academic Renewal provides an opportunity for students to continue to pursue their educational goals at Century.

Academic Renewal parameters include the following:

- A student may only be granted Academic Renewal one time.
- A student must be currently attending Century to request Academic Renewal.
- Student is not eligible if they have earned a degree, diploma or certificate at Century following initial attendance at Century and applied any of those credits for which the Academic Renewal is sought toward the award(s). Century College awards include those earned from Lakewood Community College and/or Northeast Metro 916 Technical College.
- The student must not have been enrolled in credit-based coursework at Century for a minimum of three (3) consecutive years prior to requesting Academic Renewal.
- After being readmitted to Century, the student must complete a minimum of 12 credits at Century and achieve a minimum 2.00 GPA in those credits before requesting Academic Renewal for courses completed at Century prior to the period of three (3) consecutive years (Fall-Fall, Spring-Spring, Summer-Summer) of not having been enrolled at Century.
- A student may request to exclude the following:
  1. All courses with grade of F, or
  2. All courses with grades of D and, F
  3. Courses with grades of NC, FN, and FW do not count in the GPA therefore do not need to request to exclude from GPA

Courses identified for Academic Renewal will no longer be calculated in any GPA (cumulative, career/occupational and MnTC). However, these courses and grades will remain on the student's transcript.

- A possible implication for choosing to exclude courses with D grades for Academic Renewal may be the need to complete additional requirements for graduation. Courses with D grades are considered passing though some requirements accept only courses with a grade of C or better.
- The student must meet and consult with an academic advisor or counselor to determine whether Academic Renewal will be beneficial, that all above parameters have been met and to complete the procedure for requesting Academic Renewal.
- The student and academic advisor or counselor must complete and submit the Academic Renewal Application form to the Registrar.

## Part 2

Relevant areas within Student Services (i.e., Admissions, Advising/Counseling) will be responsible for coordinating information and communication directly with students about Academic Renewal eligibility and the process to request Academic Renewal.

Upon approval for Academic Renewal, the following implications will apply:

- The student's transcript and DARS audit will indicate a notation of "Academic Renewal".
- A student may request to exclude the following:
  1. All courses with grade of F
  2. Courses with grades of NC, FN, and FW do not count in the GPA therefore do not need to request to exclude from GPA
- Courses identified for Academic Renewal will no longer be calculated in any GPA (cumulative, career/occupational and MnTC). However, these courses and grades will remain on the student's transcript. Courses with grades of A, B, C and P (or D if chosen) completed prior to Academic Renewal will continue to calculate into the student's academic record.
- Federal financial aid regulations do not recognize academic renewal; courses subject to Academic Renewal will still be considered when determining Satisfactory Academic Progress for financial aid eligibility.
- Century's Academic Renewal policy does not mean that other institutions will honor this adjustment; competitive admissions programs will likely consider the entire transcript. It is the student's responsibility to consult the other institution.

### **References:**

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Academic Renewal Policy Survey, 2013 and Satisfactory Academic Progress and Grading Study Group Position Statement on Academic Forgiveness

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