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Academic Forgiveness

POLICY

Gateway recognizes that returning students' past academic work may not be reflective of their current demonstrated ability. Furthermore, past academic work may negatively affect students' academic standing and ability to reach their educational goals. Under these circumstances, the college may exclude some past grades from certain calculations of grade point average (g.p.a.) and academic progress, hereafter referred to as academic forgiveness.

PROCEDURE

1. Students who meet all of the following conditions are eligible to apply for academic forgiveness:
 - a. At the time of re-entering the college, the student must:
 - i. have had a two-year continuous break from any credit-bearing coursework at Gateway. Students seeking forgiveness for only dual credit coursework may apply without a 2-year continuous break.
 - ii. have a Gateway cumulative g.p.a. lower than 2.0.
 - b. Subsequent to re-entering the college, the student must:
 - i. be admitted to a certificate, diploma, or degree program.
 - ii. have an advisor-approved academic plan.
 - iii. have completed at least 12 post-secondary, non-developmental/remedial credits at Gateway within three consecutive academic terms.
 - iv. have earned no grade lower than C in any completed course.
2. The student will complete an application for academic forgiveness, which includes a description of the student's plan for the successful completion of future Gateway coursework.
3. Upon approval by the registrar's office:
 - a. The date of academic forgiveness will be recorded in the student's record.
 - b. All grades of D+ and below earned prior to the break in enrollment will be excluded from all g.p.a. calculations except those used for financial aid. The courses and grades will remain on the student record and transcript.
 - c. Credit will remain unchanged for any courses taken before the point of academic forgiveness if the student earned a grade of C- or higher.
 - d. Total credits for graduation will be based on all program coursework taken at Gateway after re-entry as well as prior coursework with grades of C- or higher and any transfer or proficiency credits awarded.
4. Academic forgiveness may be granted only once in a student's lifetime academic career at Gateway. Once granted, the grades retained or forgiven will be permanent. No future reversals, adjustments, or recalculations will be made.
5. A forgiven course cannot be used to satisfy any requisite.
6. No prior honors or academic awards recognition will be adjusted.
7. Courses for which grades are forgiven continue to count as attempted courses. Rules for reapplication to programs remain in effect following academic forgiveness.
8. Academic forgiveness may not be applied to any course in which the student was previously found in violation of the academic integrity policy.

9. Academic forgiveness is not recognized by federal financial aid regulations and will not impact the grade calculations used for financial aid eligibility and satisfactory academic progress.
10. Transfer institutions may not honor Gateway's academic forgiveness policy.