The primary purpose of this policy is to provide a “fresh start” to those students who performed poorly in the past but have since demonstrated an ability to succeed with college-level academic studies. This policy is not intended to permit students with chronically poor performance to stay in college, nor to raise false hopes for students who are not making progress.

Through Academic Forgiveness, the student may petition to have his/her academic grade point average (GPA) recalculated with failing “E” grades forgiven according to the eligibility criteria and stipulations specified below. As an alternative to Academic Forgiveness, students are encouraged to consider the course-repeat option whenever possible to improve the GPA. Because this forgiveness policy may be granted one time only, students should discuss its appropriateness with a college counselor in the Admissions and Guidance Services Office.

When the eligibility requirements have been fulfilled and approved, the student’s cumulative GPA will be recalculated with the “E” grades removed from the calculation. Forgiven grades of “E” will remain on the student transcript with a special notation explaining this policy.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Forgiveness will be granted one time only for a student.
2. A maximum of 16 semester hours of “E” grades for courses numbered 100-level and above may be applied toward this policy.
3. If fewer than 36 months have elapsed since the end of the semester in which the last “E” grade to be forgiven was received, before the Academic Forgiveness Policy is applied, the student must have successfully completed (with a 2.00 GPA or higher) a minimum of 30 credit hours in courses numbered 100 or above.
4. If more than 36 months have elapsed since the end of the semester in which the last “E” grade to be forgiven was received, before the Academic Forgiveness Policy is applied, the student must have successfully completed (with a 2.00 GPA or higher) a minimum of 12 credit hours in courses numbered 100 or above.

Exceptions to this policy may be made by the Vice President of Student and Information Services or his/her designee.