

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC AMNESTY POLICY**

**I. PURPOSE**

This policy establishes “academic amnesty” as a specific readmission condition for students seeking readmission to another academic program after having been academically suspended or placed on academic probation. Academic amnesty offers re-admitted students the opportunity to be readmitted to a new major, and for their grade point average to be reset from the point of readmission forward.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

- A. Readmission is defined as the process through which any former student is granted reentry to GSU to complete their degree.
- B. Academic Standing is defined by Policy 14.
- C. Residency is defined by Policy 28 (Academic Residency Requirements for Degree Program).

**III. ACADEMIC AMNESTY**

- A. The University’s Academic Amnesty policy allows students to have their grade point average calculated from the point of readmission forward (i.e., for the purpose of establishing academic standing).
- B. Academic amnesty shall be granted only to students who have previously been suspended or placed on probation, and who have not been enrolled at GSU for at least three (3) consecutive terms (including summer session) prior to applying for readmission with academic amnesty.
- C. Academic amnesty must be requested at the time of readmission through the special admissions process and be approved by the Office of Admissions.
- D. Readmission with academic amnesty must be to a major other than the major in which the student was previously enrolled.
- E. The student's academic record of courses and grades shall not be changed nor deleted from the transcript as a result of readmission with academic amnesty; additionally, the transcript shall indicate that academic amnesty has been granted.
- F. Subject to approval by the appropriate division chairperson and dean, a student's prior completed course work with grades of "C" or better for undergraduates, or "B" or better for graduates, may be applied to the new degree requirements. However, these grades shall not be used in calculating the grade-point average from readmission forward.
- G. All undergraduate students readmitted to the University with academic amnesty shall complete a minimum of thirty (30) graded credit hours after readmission, prior to graduation.
- H. Graduate students readmitted to the University under academic amnesty must complete at least one half of the number of credit hours required for the degree in the new major prior to graduation, in addition to other requirements of the new major.
- I. A student shall be granted academic amnesty by Governors State University only one time.

**IV. RESPONSIBLE PARTY**

The Provost is responsible for establishing procedures under this policy.

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