

**Minnesota State University, Mankato  
University Policy**

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## Policy

Academic Forgiveness for undergraduate students is a one-time opportunity to remove prior grades in order to establish a new Grade Point Average (GPA). An undergraduate student may apply for Academic Forgiveness when all of the following conditions are met:

1. The student was not enrolled in any Minnesota State Mankato courses for a minimum of 3 consecutive academic years.
2. Following the absence, the student must demonstrate adequate academic ability by meeting the following conditions:
  - a) Complete a minimum of 24 semester credits in consecutive terms (summer term not required)
  - b) Earn a minimum GPA in each of those terms of a 2.00 and an overall GPA for all of those terms of at least 2.50.

## Procedures

1. Applications for academic forgiveness are available on the Office of the Registrar's website.
2. All prior credit-bearing courses will count as earned credits.
3. All prior non-credit-bearing courses will not count as earned credits.
4. All grades from re-evaluated courses will be displayed on a Minnesota State Mankato transcript, even though they are not included in GPA calculations.
5. Academic forgiveness will be noted on the Minnesota State Mankato transcript at the time it occurs.
6. Once academic forgiveness has been processed, all courses (both transfer and Minnesota State Mankato) completed before the minimum three-year absence from post-secondary education will no longer be computed in the student's GPA.

## Rationale

Academic forgiveness provides returning students, who have had academic difficulties at an earlier stage of their academic career, an opportunity for academic success in earning a degree.

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*History of Revisions*

*8/1/2015 – Standard Policy Review*

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