

## Undergraduate Academic Forgiveness Appeal

Based on the criteria below, the Academic Forgiveness Policy allows students who experienced prior academic difficulty at UW- Whitewater to have all previous UW- Whitewater grades excluded from the cumulative grade point average. The policy provides for the calculation of a new grade point average for all subsequent coursework. Students who apply for academic forgiveness are not guaranteed to receive it.

### Eligibility and Limitations:

1. Must be a former UW- Whitewater student and be admitted to an undergraduate degree-granting program at UW- Whitewater.
2. Must have been absent from formalized higher education for a minimum of three consecutive academic years.
3. Prior GPA must be below a 2.5.
4. Students who have been denied in the past can re-apply for later term and students can only receive approval for academic forgiveness twice.
5. Students returning to UW-Whitewater must earn at least 12 units before graduating.
6. Academic forgiveness cannot be applied to courses used within an awarded degree.
7. If a student receives academic forgiveness but an accreditation or licensure requires a minimum grade/standard in a specific course or content area, the student will still need to meet that minimum.
8. The academic forgiveness policy is independent of financial aid regulations. The original coursework and associated grades will continue to be used by the Financial Aid Office when evaluating financial aid eligibility under Satisfactory Academic Progress. Before applying for academic forgiveness, students should consult with the Financial Aid Office if they have been and/or will be a financial aid applicant.

### Important Notes:

- **Academic forgiveness appeal applications follow the deadlines of the Admissions and Academic Standards Committee.**
- **The application process, evaluation of applications, and approvals/denials are managed by the Academic Standards Committee.**
- **If you are seeking teacher licensure, academic forgiveness will not extend to the GPA calculation required by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Therefore, even though your transcripts will reflect a GPA that includes academic forgiveness, the College of Education and Professional Studies is required to calculate your GPA based on all college level coursework, including grades you received prior to academic forgiveness. Questions about obtaining a teaching licensure with Academic Forgiveness should be discussed with an Advisor from the College of Education and Professional Studies prior to applying.**
- **Once implemented, the student's permanent academic record (transcript and Academic Advising Report) will be marked with an "Academic Forgiveness" notation, and the grade point average calculation will be restarted based only on the units taken after the three-year absence.**
- **You may attach additional sheets to provide further explanation, letters of recommendation, or documentation in support of your appeal. Students are encouraged to consult with academic standards prior to beginning the academic forgiveness process.**

### Student Information:

Full Name:

Date:

Email:

ID #

Cell/Home Phone:

**Academic Information:** \*Credits, Term, and Cumulative GPA can be found on your unofficial transcript on WINS.

Last Term/Year attended at UW- Whitewater:

Declared Major:

Minor (If applicable):

Cumulative GPA:

## **Supplemental Questions:**

1. Please explain the circumstances from your past semesters that have caused your academic difficulties and GPA?

2. Please explain why you are applying for Academic Forgiveness and how it will assist you in your academic goals

3. Please explain the specific steps and educational plan for future semesters that will make you academically successful?

**I acknowledge that by requesting academic forgiveness if I am approved my UW- Whitewater Cumulative will be reset to zero and that the decision by the Academic Standards Committee is final. I also acknowledge that I have read all information above.**

**Signature:**

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Standards Coordinator Signature:

Date:

Academic Forgiveness Term Start:

Registrar's Office: Date: