

New Policy

Academic Renewal

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Academic Renewal allows all courses, credits, and grades during specific term(s) to be excluded from the GPA calculation. The courses will remain on the permanent academic record but the record will be annotated so that it is readily evident that no credits earned during those excluded terms, even if satisfactory, will apply towards units for graduation. Students seeking their first degree who return to UMSL after an absence of at least 12 months may apply for Academic Renewal for semesters completed prior to their absence after re-admission and successful completion of 12 credit hours at a 2.0 GPA or better. Recipients of Academic Renewals are not eligible for Latin Honors or academic awards. Applications for Academic Renewal must be completed with an academic advisor and will require evidence of likelihood of future academic success to receive dean's approval. A student may be granted Academic Renewal only once in their academic career at USML.

The implementation of this policy will follow the general procedures listed below. Students must apply for the renewal and demonstrate academic success in twelve credit hours before the renewal is granted.

Non-enrolled students:

1. Students not enrolled will have to discuss Academic Renewal with an academic advisor and may apply for Academic Renewal in the dean's office of the college of students' major or College of Arts & Science for those undeclared.
2. Students should follow normal procedures for re-admission. To increase the likelihood that they will be re-admitted, students should note the Academic Renewal request in the Comments section of the application and follow procedures established by Admissions Office.
3. Students may be accepted for re-admission on probationary status.
4. After earning 12 credit hours in their major or in required classes with at least a 2.0 GPA, students complete the Academic Renewal process by requesting approval of the dean or designee.

Enrolled students:

1. Continuing students may initiate the Academic Renewal process by conferring with their advisor about the impact of the process on their graduation plans.
 2. Implications of Academic Renewal on financial aid should also be discussed with Financial Aid office staff.
 3. Should continuing students wish to pursue the Academic Renewal process, they may apply in the dean's office of the college of students' major or College of Arts & Science for those undeclared.
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Rationale

Academic Renewal Policy is proposed to address differential treatment of UMSL students when compared to transfer students.