

Sixth Draft of Revised Academic Amnesty Policy (Approved 3/28/14)

A readmitted undergraduate student who has not been in attendance at FGCU for a period of at least five (5) years may apply to the Academic Standards Committee for academic amnesty provided that the application is either submitted with the application for readmission after suspension or prior to the first day of classes in the term that the student is readmitted to the University. With the approval of the Academic Standards Committee, amnesty will be offered for all previous FGCU coursework. Amnesty decisions will be made by the Academic Standards Committee and the committee may, at its sole discretion:

- 1) Offer amnesty to students who have not requested it via the Request for Readmission application.
- 2) Review the process for indefinitely dismissed students.
- 3) Approve amnesty for the student's entire record of previously-earned FGCU credit.
- 4) Approve amnesty conditionally upon the student agreeing to fulfill the Committee's terms of approval. These provisions may include, but are not limited to, the student:
 - a. developing an academic success plan;
 - b. participating in tutoring or another academic service;
 - c. achieving and maintaining a pre-determined grade point average (GPA) for a defined subsequent number of semesters.
 - d. Should the student not complete the conditions of the agreement, amnesty will not be considered to have been earned, and the student's GPA and transcript will retain their original condition.

Offers of academic amnesty will only be made to students whose cumulative GPA is below 2.00. Such offers will be made in writing by the Academic Standards Committee and will be forwarded to the student via the Offer of Academic Amnesty form. The student will have seven (7) calendar days from the date of receipt of the written decision to accept or decline the offer of amnesty and to deliver his/her decision to the designee of the Academic Standards Committee via the Offer of Academic Amnesty form, which is submitted to the Office of the Registrar. If the student does not respond to the offer within seven (7) calendar days, the offer of amnesty will be void.

After the student has completed all of the conditions for amnesty set by the Academic Standards Committee and the student has been ~~restored to good academic standing removed from academic standing (Warning, Probation, Probation after Suspension, Reinstatement)~~, the Committee will determine whether amnesty has been earned, based on the initial provisions set forth by the Committee. If amnesty has been earned, the transcript will then be revised and the student's GPA will be recalculated omitting all grades during the period for which amnesty was applied. Though they will not be included in the GPA calculation, the courses and grades for which amnesty was awarded will remain on the student's transcript and a statement will appear on the official transcript indicating that amnesty has been applied. Due to the omission of the student's previous academic record from his/her GPA calculation, all grade forgiveness opportunities will be restored per the current University Catalog policy. Additionally, the student will remain responsible for tuition surcharges resulting from repeating courses or taking excess credits for graduation.