

ACADEMIC RENEWAL FOR RETURNING ADULTS

The Policy

Students who return to college after an absence of five years or longer may be eligible for Academic Renewal. This “forgiveness” program allows students to eliminate a previously-earned, poor grade point average (GPA) while retaining academic credit for previously-taken courses in which they earned the grades *A*, *B*, *C*, or *S*.

Academic Renewal can be approved only once, and once the request is approved, it cannot be reversed.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for Academic Renewal, a student must meet the following criteria:

- must be an undergraduate student who has not been awarded an associate’s or bachelor’s degree;
- must not have been enrolled for credit in any course(s) offered by any academic/ postsecondary institutions accredited by a Council on Postsecondary Accreditation organization for at least five years; and
- must request Academic Renewal status within one calendar year of re-enrollment.

Effects of Academic Renewal on Credit Hours and Grade Point Average (GPA)

- For all course work completed prior to the five-year+ separation period, only those courses in which the student earned a grade of *A*, *B*, *C*, or *S* will count in the Academic Renewal Hours Earned. The grades for these courses will not be counted in the Academic Renewal GPA.
- All course work completed after the five-year+ separation period will be used to calculate the student’s Academic Renewal GPA, which will show on the Permanent Student Record as the Overall GPA and which will be used for the following:
 - for determining academic standing
 - for determining eligibility for graduation
 - for admission to majors or programs requiring a minimum GPA
- All course work, earned hours, and grades earned prior to the five-year+ separation period will remain on the student’s transcript and will be considered along with the student’s more recent course work in the following:
 - the determination of eligibility for scholarships, financial aid, and/or Veterans Affairs benefits
 - the determination of honors graduation
 - the implementation of any University System of Georgia Board of Regents policy requirements, such as the Regents’ Test and College Preparatory Curriculum requirements.
- If an Academic Renewal student decides to transfer from Armstrong Atlantic State University, the receiving institution is under no obligation to acknowledge the adjusted Academic Renewal GPA. Students should expect other institutions to recognize only the cumulative GPA that includes all coursework.

Instructions to the Student

To apply for Academic Renewal, the student must make an appointment with Mr. Greg Anderson, Director, Office of Academic Orientation & Advisement, 212 Solms Hall, (912) 344-2570.

APPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC RENEWAL

Name _____ **SID#** _____
 Last First Middle Initial

Mailing Address _____
 Street & Apartment Number

Mailing Address _____
 City State Zip

Telephone Numbers Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Certification

I have carefully read the Academic Renewal Policy, Eligibility Requirements, & Effects, and I understand the effects on my credit hours and grade point average. I believe that Academic Renewal is in my best interest, and I understand that once I sign this document, I do not have the right to request a reversal of the contract.

 (Signature of Student)

 (Date)

I have met with this student and thoroughly discussed eligibility, program advantages, and program disadvantages. The student understands that the Academic Renewal policy applies to courses completed at the following institution(s) during the following periods: (List all schools)

School **Dates of Attendance**

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Academic Renewal has been approved _____ / denied _____.

 Mr. Gregory S. Anderson
 Director, Academic Orientation & Advisement

 Date

____ Original to Registrar's Office

____ Copy to Student

____ Copy to Advisement Office Files