Name of Policy: **Academic forgiveness**

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**Approving Officer:** President

**Responsible Agent**
- Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Chancellor & Executive Vice President for Biosciences & Health Affairs/Dean of the College of Medicine

**Effective date:** May 1, 2011

**Scope:** All undergraduate students

- New policy proposal
- Minor/technical revision of existing policy
- Major revision of existing policy
- Reaffirmation of existing policy

(A) **Policy statement**

The University supports a student’s commitment to degree completion. Under certain conditions, an undergraduate student who re-enrolls in the university of Toledo after an absence from the university (or any academic institution of higher education) is permitted the opportunity to have his/her academic standing calculated from the point of readmission. Once the student has demonstrated the ability to sustain a satisfactory level of academic performance, all grades of C-, D+, D, D-, F, E, P and WF are forfeited. Grades of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C and PS only will be counted for credit. The following students are eligible to petition for the academic forgiveness policy:

1. Former students who have not been enrolled at UT or any other accredited academic institution of higher education for a period of at least two calendar years prior to the first term of re-admission, during which time the student has a documented enlistment in the U.S. armed forces.

   Or

2. Former students who have not been enrolled at UT or any other accredited academic institution of higher education for a period of at least three calendar years prior to the first term of re-admission.

(B) **Purpose of policy**

The purpose of this policy is to permit a student to have his/her academic standing calculated from point of readmission.

(C) **Scope**

This policy applies to all undergraduate students. Each college may publish detailed implementation strategies specific to that college.
(D) Procedure

Students who would be eligible for academic forgiveness will follow the established procedures for readmission. Upon completion of 24 semester hours of graded academic course work in a bachelor’s degree program, or 16 semester hours of graded academic course work in an associate’s degree program and a minimum time of two semesters as well as a minimum grade point average of 2.5 in courses since readmission, the student may elect to apply for academic forgiveness by submitting a written petition to the dean of the college.

If the dean grants academic forgiveness:

1. The previous grade point average is deleted.
2. Credits from all courses taken during the previous enrollment at UT with a grade of C- or lower are removed (although the grades are retained on the academic transcript with the notation “academic forgiveness policy”).
3. Credits for all courses taken during the previous enrollment at UT with a grade of C or better as well as PS only will be counted for credit.
4. All calculations of quality hours, quality points and cumulative GPA will be adjusted.

The academic forgiveness policy applies to all grades, including pass and fail, earned during the previous enrollment period at UT. If a student received a grade of C-, D+, D or D- during the previous enrollment period for a course that is required in the degree program that the student is pursuing, the student must either retake the course or the dean of the college must approve a suitable substitution.

Under provisions of the academic forgiveness policy, a student must be re-enrolled at UT for a minimum of 24 semester hours and meet the residency requirement before graduation. Grades from all courses ever taken at UT and the resulting GPA (unadjusted by the academic forgiveness policy) will be used for purposes of determining eligibility for university, collegial, departmental or professional honors or other recognition.

A student may petition for the application of the academic forgiveness policy to his or her record only one time in his or her career at UT. This policy is only available for undergraduate course work taken at UT and only for undergraduate students earning either the first baccalaureate or associate degree, whichever is earned first. Students may not petition for GPA recalculation under the university’s GPA recalculation policy after they have used the academic forgiveness policy. Note: this policy does not apply to graduate studies.
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