



3.9 Academic Forgiveness Policy

Purpose

To provide students who have had academic difficulties previously in their academic career the opportunity for a 'second chance' at academic success at Central Lakes College (CLC).

Students who have been away from Central Lakes College for at least two years are given a one-time opportunity to seek Academic Forgiveness of previous unsatisfactory academic coursework at Central Lakes College. This student-initiated process allows unsatisfactory grades (D's and F's) in previous courses to be forgiven, thereby establishing a new grade point average (GPA).

General Information

- All courses and grades remain on the transcript; only the cumulative GPA and the applicable semester(s) GPA is(are) recalculated.
- Academic Forgiveness will be applied to consecutive terms only, with a maximum of two consecutive semesters or three consecutive quarters.
- Courses and grades used to satisfy any graduation requirement, including prerequisites, repeated courses, admission to specific programs, graduation, etc., are not eligible for Academic Forgiveness.
- Consortium credits cannot be included in Academic Forgiveness.
- Academic Forgiveness will be noted on the transcript.
- Academic Forgiveness will not be applied to any financial aid situation. Federal financial aid regulations do not recognize Academic Forgiveness.
- Transfer institutions may not honor the Central Lakes College Academic Forgiveness policy. It is the student's responsibility to consult with transfer institutions.
- Academic suspensions are not included in this policy. Students are required to appeal any suspensions.

Eligibility Requirements

Students who request Academic Forgiveness under this policy must meet all the following criteria:

- The student must not have been enrolled in credit-based courses at Central Lakes College for a minimum of two consecutive years (24 months) before requesting Academic Forgiveness.
- The student must achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in all coursework completed since readmission, with at least 12 credits completed before applying for Academic Forgiveness.
- The student must be in attendance and accepted to a degree-seeking major at the time of the Academic Forgiveness request.

- The student must state the courses to be forgiven on the Academic Forgiveness Petition form. Courses from a maximum of two consecutive terms can be forgiven.
- The student should apply for Academic Forgiveness shortly after completing 12 semester credits with a GPA of at least 2.0.

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