

Policy Approval Form

Gordon State College

This form is used for the approval, amendment, removal or review of a Gordon State College policy. Once authorized with the President's Signature, the policy will be posted to the Gordon State Website. This approval form will be filed in the Office of the President with Cabinet minutes noting approval.

Policy Title *	Academic Renewal Policy
Number	To Be Determined
Department	Academic Affairs
Policy Editor	C. Jeffery Knighton
Request Type	New ☐ Amended ☐ Removed ☐ Reviewed ☒

OBJECTIVE (Briefly state your purpose.)

Periodic Review of Policy for Currency and general update

RESOURCES AND CONSULTATION (Briefly describe the resources (i.e. website, link) used in developing, amending, removing, or reviewing the policy. Include names of other individuals who assisted with this change.)

https://www.gordonstate.edu/documents/departments/institutional-effectiveness/Academic_Renewal_Policy_Form.pdf https://www.usg.edu/academic_affairs_handbook/section2/C749 Faculty Senate Chair
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COMMUNICATION PLAN (Identify how information about how the policy will be communicated to the college as well as training plans if applicable.)

GSC Policy Website Academic Catalog
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Authorizations

Dean or Supervisor Signature and Date: _____

Cabinet Sponsor (VP) Signature and Date: C. Jeffery Knighton Digitally signed by C. Jeffery Knighton
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President Signature and Date:  5/26/22

***Policy Template must be submitted with this form.**

Policy Number: _____

Policy Title: Academic Renewal Policy

POLICY:

The Academic Renewal Policy of the University System of Georgia allows students who have experienced academic difficulty to make a fresh start on the academic grade point average (GPA) after an absence of at least three calendar years (nine semesters). Students seeking Academic Renewal must submit an application for Academic Renewal to the Registrar's Office within one calendar year of enrollment or re-enrollment. Applications for Academic Renewal are available in the Registrar's Office. To qualify for Academic Renewal, students applying for Academic Renewal must demonstrate their readiness to return to college level studies by enrolling or re-enrolling in a minimum of 6 semester hours in courses selected from Areas A–F of the Core Curriculum at Gordon State College and earning a GPA of 2.0 or higher on those hours. Students can be granted Academic Renewal only once during their whole undergraduate career, even if it spans multiple USG institutions.

PROCEDURE:

If approved for Academic Renewal, an Academic Renewal GPA is begun when the student resumes taking coursework following approval for Academic Renewal. After Academic Renewal is granted, the Academic Renewal GPA is used for determining academic standing and eligibility for graduation. To graduate from Gordon State College, a student must meet the college's residency requirement for graduation after acquiring Academic Renewal. To be eligible for honors at graduation, a student must meet the college's residency requirement for graduation after acquiring Academic Renewal.

All previous courses, including transfer coursework earned before the three year absence, remain on the student's record with Academic Renewal indicated by the # symbol posted with each affected grade. These grades are not calculated in the Academic Renewal GPA. Credit for previously completed coursework is retained for courses with a grade of A#, B#, or C#. Courses with D#, F#, or WF# grades must be repeated at Gordon State College if required for the degree. Applicability of retained credit to degree requirements will be determined by the degree requirements in effect at the time Academic Renewal status is conferred on the student. Students receiving Academic Renewal are eligible for transient study except for courses with previous grades of D#, F#, or WF#.

Readmitted students must be absent from Gordon State College for at least three calendar years (nine semesters) to be considered for Academic Renewal. Transfer credit will be awarded for eligible coursework completed at other institutions during the three year absence.

Students transferring to Gordon State College may apply for Academic Renewal for coursework completed at a previous institution if they have been absent from that institution for at least three calendar years (nine semesters). Only coursework completed prior to a three year period of absence will be considered for Academic Renewal. The three year period is calculated from the date of enrollment or re-enrollment at Gordon State College. Transfer credit will be awarded for eligible coursework completed at other institutions during the three year period of absence.

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All academic standings which occurred in the past remain recorded on the student's permanent record. Students who encounter subsequent academic difficulty and are suspended after receiving Academic Renewal may be subject to permanent dismissal from Gordon State College.

Receiving Academic Renewal does not supersede the admissions requirements of any program which requires a specific minimum GPA based upon all coursework. Re-entry into any program after receiving Academic Renewal is not automatic.

Receiving Academic Renewal has no effect on eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship program or on financial aid requirements regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress.