

Appendix J

Policy for Academic Renewal

Any degree-seeking student who has experienced academic difficulty, who has not attended any post secondary institution for a period of five years and who wishes to make a fresh start may apply for Academic Renewal. Former Learning Support students may apply for Academic Renewal only if they successfully complete all Developmental Studies requirements prior to the commencement of the five year period of absence. A student re-enrolling after a five-year absence from Georgia Southwestern State University must apply for Academic Renewal within three terms after re-enrollment or one calendar year, whichever comes first. If a student is granted Academic Renewal, a new grade point average will be established according to the following guidelines:

1. A Renewal GPA is begun when the student receives approval for Academic Renewal and includes all course work completed following the re-enrollment.
2. The Academic Renewal GPA will be used for determining academic standing and eligibility for graduation.
3. All previously attempted course work continues to be recorded on the student's official transcript.
4. To earn a degree, a student must meet the Georgia Southwestern State University residency requirements after acquiring Academic Renewal status.
5. At least 50% of work toward a baccalaureate degree must be completed after the granting of Academic Renewal status for a student to be eligible for honors at graduation.
6. Academic credit for previously completed course work including previous transfer course work will be retained only for courses in which an A, B, or C grade has been earned.
7. Retained grades are not calculated in a Renewal GPA. Such credit is considered in the same context as transfer credit, credit by examination, and courses with grades of "S."
8. Courses with D or F grades must be repeated at the Georgia Southwestern State University if they are required in the student's degree program. Further, all remaining courses for the current degree objective must be completed at Georgia Southwestern State University, i.e., no transient credit will be accepted.
9. Applicability of retained credit to degree requirements will be determined by the degree requirements currently in effect at the time Academic Renewal status is

conferred on the student. Specific Georgia Southwestern State University program regulations must also be met.

10. A student can be granted Academic Renewal status only one time.

11. Transfer Credit.

- a.** A student who has been suspended from Georgia Southwestern State University and has attended one or more other system institutions during the required period of suspension will not be eligible for Academic Renewal.
- b.** A student who has not been suspended from Georgia Southwestern State University but who has been absent from Georgia Southwestern State University five years or more and who has attended a school other than that institution during that period of absence may choose only one of the following options.
 - 1)** A student may return to Georgia Southwestern State University subject to all relevant transfer and re-entry policies. No renewal GPA is calculated and transfer credit will be granted for applicable courses taken during the absence.
 - 2)** A student may apply for Academic Renewal. If Academic Renewal status is approved, no transfer credit will be granted for course work completed during the absence.

12. Any scholastic suspensions that occurred in the past shall remain recorded on the student's permanent record.

13. The Renewal GPA begins with the semester following re-enrollment. If a student is denied Academic Renewal and subsequently does not re-enroll, he/she may resubmit an Academic Renewal application after no less than one year has passed since the initial petition.

14. The granting of Academic Renewal does not supersede financial aid policies regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress.

15. The granting of Academic Renewal does not supersede the admissions requirements of certain programs, e.g., teacher education, nursing, which require a specific minimum grade point average based upon all course work. A student may apply for Academic Renewal in the Registrar's Office.