

3359-60-03.4 Academic reassessment and discipline.

- (A) To be eligible for academic reassessment, a student shall:
 - (1) Have not attended the university of Akron for at least three calendar years. A semester or summer session in which the student received all “WD” grades cannot be counted as part of the separation period; and
 - (2) Have had a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.00 during the previous enrollment period at the university of Akron; and
 - (3) Have reenrolled and maintained a grade point average of 2.00 or higher for the first twenty-four letter-graded (“A” through “F”) hours attempted at the university of Akron; and
 - (4) Have a minimum of fifty percent of the total hours required for their degree program remaining. Fifty percent remaining is defined as:
 - (a) Have at least sixty-four credits remaining for a baccalaureate degree; or
 - (b) Have at least thirty-two credits remaining for an associate degree; and
 - (5) Have not used academic reassessment before at the university of Akron; and
 - (6) Submit a written request for academic reassessment to the student’s college dean’s office.
- (B) To apply for academic reassessment, the student shall complete the appropriate form in consultation with his/her academic adviser.
- (C) The office of the university registrar shall confirm eligibility and make the adjustments to the student’s academic record.
 - (1) The student begins with a new cumulative grade point average and adjusted credit hour totals.

- (a) Credit hours are defined as semester hours.
 - (b) A maximum of thirty credit hours in a baccalaureate program and fifteen credit hours in an associate program may be reassessed.
 - (c) Only grades below “C” may be reassessed.
 - (d) The student, in consultation with his/her academic adviser, shall identify the courses to be reassessed.
 - (e) Grades to be reassessed shall come from the time period prior to the student’s reenrollment following the three-year absence.
 - (f) Should the student have fewer than thirty credit hours in a baccalaureate degree (fifteen hours for an associate degree) at the time of reenrollment, only eligible courses may be reassessed, thus resulting in a reassessment of fewer than thirty credit hours for a baccalaureate degree or fewer than fifteen credit hours for an associate degree.
- (2) Grades earned for the courses that are reassessed at the university of Akron are excluded from the calculation of the cumulative “GPA,” but will remain on the student’s official transcript.
 - (3) Credit hours earned for courses at the university of Akron during the previous enrollment with a grade of “C” or better, including “CR,” are retained.
 - (4) Credit hours from all reassessed courses taken during the previous enrollment at the university of Akron with a grade of “C-” or lower are removed from the calculation of the cumulative “GPA” (although the grades are retained on the academic transcript with the notation “academic reassessment policy”).
 - (5) The grade and credit hours associated with any reassessed course with a grade of “C-” or lower earned during the previous enrollment at the university of Akron are forfeited and may not be used to satisfy any degree requirement.

- (6) To satisfy the degree requirements in the student's major:
 - (a) The student may either retake the course; or
 - (b) The dean of the degree-granting college may approve a suitable substitution; or
 - (c) The dean of the degree-granting college may waive the requirement.
- (7) To satisfy general education degree requirements:
 - (a) The student may either retake the course; or
 - (b) The student may choose a suitable substitution from the same category in the university of Akron approved general education list.
- (D) The office of the university registrar will apply the following provisions of the academic reassessment policy.
 - (1) When counting the first twenty-four credits attempted, if the twenty-fourth credit is part of other credits earned during a semester, the entire number of credits earned for that semester will be calculated into the grade-point average. Repeat for change of grade will apply as long as the repeat process occurs and is counted within the first twenty-four hours of completed credits.
 - (a) The student may repeat for change of grade any course during the previous enrollment that has not been reassessed and that meets the requirement of the change of grade.
 - (b) The student may repeat any course that has been reassessed and meets the requirements of the repeat policy.
 - (c) The student may not repeat for change of grade any course that has been reassessed.
 - (2) The first twenty-four credits completion rule begins with the student's reenrollment after the first three-year absence period and

continues regardless of the number or length of additional stop-outs that may occur.

- (3) An undergraduate student may utilize this academic reassessment policy only one time in his/her career at the university of Akron for a specific degree objective, and academic reassessment must be prior to the award of the degree for which the hours and grades involved will be applicable. (For example, a student who is pursuing a baccalaureate degree and has earned an associate degree from the university of Akron cannot apply the policy to any credit earned prior to the completion of the associate degree.)
- (4) This policy applies to undergraduate course work taken at the university of Akron and only for undergraduate students earning a first undergraduate degree. (The graduate school has adopted its own academic reassessment policy, rule 3359-60-03.4(E) of the Administrative Code.)
- (5) Grades from all courses ever taken at the university of Akron and the resulting "GPA" (unadjusted by the academic reassessment policy) will be used for purposes of determining eligibility for university, departmental or professional honors or other recognition based upon the student's undergraduate academic career and record of academic performance.
- (6) Any academic probations, suspensions or dismissals from reassessed semesters shall not be forgiven. They will count when the probation-dismissal policy is applied to the student's record after readmission.
- (7) A student may seek an exception to this policy through an appeal to the senior vice president and provost and chief operating officer whose decision will be final.

(E) Academic reassessment: graduate.

- (1) A student who meets all the criteria described below may petition the vice president for research and dean of the graduate school to remove from her/his graduate cumulative grade point average all those grades earned under the student's prior enrollment at the university of Akron.

- (a) Degree-seeking graduate student,
 - (b) Previous graduate enrollment at the university of Akron,
 - (c) Not enrolled at the university of Akron for at least five years prior to current enrollment, and
 - (d) Maintain a current graduate grade point average of at least 3.00 or better for the first fifteen hours of re-enrollment credit.
- (2) If the student's petition is granted, the following will apply to the reassessment policy:
- (a) This policy only applies to the student's graduate grade point average.
 - (b) All university of Akron grades will remain on the student's official, permanent academic record (transcript); this process will affect the cumulative grade point average only. It will not remove evidence/documentation of the student's overall academic history at the university.
 - (c) No grades/credits from the student's prior graduate enrollment at the university may be counted toward the subsequent degree program requirements. Degree requirements may only be met by courses included in the calculation of the student's cumulative graduate grade point average at the university of Akron. Thus, the student who successfully petitions for cumulative graduate grade point average recalculation under this policy automatically forfeits the right to use any of the excluded course work toward the current degree requirements.
- (2) A student may exercise this graduate reassessment option only once, regardless of the number of times the student enters/attends a graduate degree program at the university of Akron.

- (F) Discipline. Continuation as a student of the university is dependent on the maintenance of satisfactory grades and conformity to the rules of the institution.

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