



POLICY TITLE
Academic Renewal

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I. POLICY STATEMENT

Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) provides students the opportunity to restart their academic record after a break in enrollment and demonstration of academic maturation through performance upon reenrollment.

II. POLICY RATIONALE AND SCOPE

Academic Renewal is intended for students who had an unsuccessful start in one or more credit courses and stopped out (for at least two consecutive semesters including fall, spring, and summer without enrolling in for-credit courses) and returns.

III. POLICY AUDIENCE

This policy applies to all students enrolled in for-credit courses for the fall, spring and summer semesters.

IV. POLICY COMPLIANCE

Academic Renewal granted at/by an institution within Louisiana's Community and Technical College (LCTCS) shall be accepted and honored system wide.

Students must be advised that a non-LCTCS institution may choose to not accept, in transfer, Academic Renewal granted by another institution. Students must be encouraged to investigate

the impact of the Academic Renewal policy if they plan to transfer to another institution outside of LCTCS. All transcripts must be provided as part of the admission process, but transfer institutions may compute the undergraduate GPA (Grade Point Average) based on all hours attempted, regardless of policies or provisions granted by institutions or prior enrollment.

V. POLICY DEFINITIONS

Cumulative GPA: The average of all the grades a student has earned.

Stop out: a minimum of two consecutive semesters including fall, spring, and summer during which a student withdraws from enrollment at BRCC.

VI. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

The Registrar's Office will grant a student Academic Renewal provided the student meets the minimum criteria below:

1. A minimum of two consecutive semesters must elapse between the end of the semester in which the student was last registered for credit courses and the semester for re-enrollment under Academic Renewal.
2. The student must be taking credit courses within a declared major (matriculated into a program).
3. Upon re-enrollment, the student must demonstrate academic success by earning a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in the semester they return.

Students should submit their Academic Renewal application before the last day to withdraw for the given session/part of term of the semester they are returning to BRCC. If granted, Academic Renewal will be noted upon the transcript. Courses taken before the two consecutive semester enrollment absence will count toward the degree or certificate and be included in the cumulative GPA if the grade earned was a "C" or better. Courses taken before the two consecutive semester enrollment absence for which the student earned a grade lower than a "C" will not count toward an academic award and will not be included in the cumulative GPA. Courses and grades will still be listed on the transcript and included in the student completion rate but will be excluded from the cumulative GPA.

Applying for Academic Renewal does not guarantee approval. Each application for Academic Renewal will be evaluated based on the criteria and demonstration of academic maturation through performance upon re-enrollment.

VII. POLICY RELATED INFORMATION

LCTCS Policy # 1.006, Academic Amnesty
BRCC Policy #5-553, Satisfactory Academic Progress

VIII. POLICY EXCEPTION

Academic Renewal has no effect on a student's ability to qualify for or receive federal aid. All hours attempted will be used in determining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).

IX. POLICY HISTORY AND REVIEW CYCLE

This policy will supersede its previous version. This policy is to be reviewed and revised, as needed, within three years of the effective date.

X. POLICY URL

This policy may be accessed on the BRCC website www.mybrcc.edu

XI. POLICY APPROVAL - SIGNATURE, NAME, TITLE, AND DATE OF OFFICIAL



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12/18/2023

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