Policy Name: Academic Forgiveness

Policy
M State gives an undergraduate student who has been away from the College a one-time opportunity to establish a new grade point average (GPA). Two options are available for students who are seeking Academic Forgiveness. **Students may choose only one of these options for Academic Forgiveness in their academic career at the College.**

Option 1 *(suitable students to continue in the same major after a period of time has elapsed)*

Students who seek Academic Forgiveness under option 1 must meet the following conditions:

1. The student must not have been enrolled at the College for a minimum of two consecutive years prior to the point of academic forgiveness.

2. Upon readmission, the student must successfully complete 6 credits at M State as defined by the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy *prior* to applying for Academic Forgiveness.

Academic Forgiveness cannot be granted if a student has earned a post-secondary degree following his or her initial M State attendance and has applied M State credits toward that degree.

Courses that have been used for certificates, diplomas or degrees that have been completed and/or awarded are not subject to Academic Forgiveness.

Academic Forgiveness will be indicated on the transcript and the calculation of the student’s GPA. This GPA calculation will include letter grades of A, B, C but will not include D and F letter grades received prior to the point of Academic Forgiveness. Academic Forgiveness does not relate to or affect Financial Aid eligibility. A student’s cumulative completion rate is not adjusted by the implementation of Academic Forgiveness.

Course titles and grades for these courses will remain on the transcript.

Selecting Option 1 will fulfill the "**one time opportunity**" to invoke Academic Forgiveness.

Option 2 *(Suitable for students who wish to change majors and are currently enrolled and/or returning after an academic suspension)*

Students who seek Academic Forgiveness under option 2 must meet the following conditions:
1. The student must have a processed course of study/program major change on file with the College and have successfully completed 6 credits in the new course of study/program major at M State. Students must also have met the criteria of the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy prior to applying for Academic Forgiveness. Students meeting these conditions will need to request Academic Forgiveness.

Academic Forgiveness cannot be granted if a student has earned a post-secondary degree following his or her initial M State attendance and has applied M State credits toward that degree.

Courses that have been used for certificates, diplomas or degrees that have been completed and/or awarded are not subject to Academic Forgiveness.

Academic Forgiveness will be indicated on the transcript and the calculation of the student’s GPA will not include D and F grades received prior to the point of Academic Forgiveness. Academic Forgiveness does not relate to or affect Financial Aid eligibility or/and your Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Course titles and grades for these courses will remain on the transcript.

Selecting Option 2 will fulfill the “one time opportunity” to invoke Academic Forgiveness.

**Purpose**
To allow the ability to establish a successful academic record at M State.

**Responsibility**
The student must formally request Academic Forgiveness by submitting the appropriate paperwork.

Registrar or Designee Process student requests for Academic Forgiveness.

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