

Procedure:	Academic Fresh Start Program	Procedure No.:	AA4020.1
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Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to identify the steps required for the “Academic Fresh Start” program.

“Academic Fresh Start” is a plan of academic forgiveness which allows students who have experienced academic difficulty to make a clean start upon returning to college after an extended absence.

Statement of the Procedure

1. Students who previously attended SUNY Broome, but have not been in attendance for two or more consecutive years may apply for an Academic Fresh Start.
2. Students must submit the [Academic Fresh Start Program application](#) to the Registrar’s Office no later than the last day of classes in the semester in which the student re-enrolled following the two-year absence. The application will be reviewed by the Registrar’s Office to ensure that the student is eligible and signed off by the VPAA. Once approved, the following notation is placed on the student’s transcript: Student Granted Academic Fresh Start.
3. To be eligible students must complete a minimum of 6 credits in the semester in which the student returned to the College. The student must have earned a grade of C or better in each course attempted after the census date for the class.
4. The student’s new Academic Fresh Start GPA will include all previous grades of C or better and all grades earned since granting the Academic Fresh Start.

Under this policy, grades that are forgiven will not be used to calculate the Academic Fresh Start GPA at SUNY Broome, but will remain a part of the official academic transcript. All grades are factored into the GPA that is used to calculate Academic Standing.

The granting of an Academic Fresh Start applies to a student's progress towards degree completion. It does not restore financial aid eligibility or change academic standing.

5. Once granted, the Academic Fresh Start cannot be rescinded and can be used only once while at SUNY Broome.

Related Policies (by number)

AA4006 Academic Policy

AA4018 Academic Fresh Start Program Policy

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