

Graduate Academic Amnesty

Policy Information

Issuing Office

Registrar's Office

Affected Parties

Students

Policy Language

Students Academically Suspended or Academically Dismissed from Liberty University may appeal for readmission under Academic Amnesty.

Policy Rationale

To provide a means for students to reengage with their coursework after a period of growth, and to ensure that students understand the expectation set forth by the University when students have been Academically Suspended or Academically Dismissed from the University and would like to appeal under Academic Amnesty.

Definition of Glossary Terms

None specified

Procedural Information

Procedures

Students Academically Suspended or Academically Dismissed from Liberty University may appeal for readmission under Academic Amnesty per the following protocols:

1. The student must not have been enrolled at the University for a period of two (2) years. (Example: If the student's last enrollment was in the Fall 2018 term, he /she would not be eligible to appeal for Academic Amnesty until **after** the Fall 2020 term.)
2. The student must submit a written appeal for readmission to the Registrar's Office through the designated portal. The appeal should include a thorough explanation of (1) the circumstances which contributed to the academic performance which resulted in the student's Academic Suspension or Dismissal and (2) why the student's present circumstances are more conducive to improved academic performance if permitted to resume his /her studies.
3. Corroboration may be requested of the student (e.g., transcripts from other institutions, certificates, awards).
4. Students who were Academically Dismissed because of academic dishonesty are not eligible for Academic Amnesty.

The Registrar's Office, upon reviewing the written appeal, must receive approval from Community Life and the academic department indicating the student is eligible for readmission.

If the student is approved by Community Life and the academic department, the Registrar's Office will submit the appeal for academic amnesty for review by either the Office of the Provost for Resident students or the Office of the Online Provost for Online students.

If the student's appeal is approved, the grades will be revised as follows, and as determined by the Office of the Provost or the Office of the Online Provost:

1. Programs with a graduation GPA of 2.50, 3.00, or 3.25: Grades of C, D and F (including +/- grades) will be revised to Q and will no longer be included in the calculation of the student's cumulative GPA. Grades of A and B (including +/- grades) will not be revised and will continue to be included in the calculation of the student's cumulative GPA.
2. Programs with a 2.00 graduation GPA: Grades of D and F (including +/- grades) will be revised to Q and will no longer be included in the calculation of the student's cumulative GPA. Grades of A, B, and C (including +/- grades) will not be revised and will continue to be included in the calculation of the student's cumulative GPA.
3. Students who have been granted Academic Amnesty are not eligible for graduation honors.

If any prior certificate or degree has been awarded through Liberty University, grades earned during that time cannot be excluded when Academic Amnesty is applied. All grades earned toward a previously awarded certificate or conferred degree will remain on the student's transcript.

Once the approved student's grades have been revised, he/she is eligible to apply for readmission. If the student meets all other applicable admission requirements, he/she will be readmitted on Academic Caution.

If the student desires to pursue a degree program that is different than the one for which he/she was approved for academic amnesty, he/she must submit a new appeal to the Associate Registrar for Academic Success, who in turn will submit the appeal to the Associate Dean over the student's desired program.

All previously assigned academic standings will not change and will remain part of the student's academic records for the respective terms for which they were earned.

If, after the first term of enrollment following readmission, the student's cumulative GPA falls below the minimum cumulative GPA required for good academic standing in the student's degree program, the student will be Academically Dismissed, and will not be permitted to submit any further appeals for permission to continue his /her studies through Liberty University.

If the Office of the Provost or the Office of the Online Provost denies the student's appeal, that decision will be final. The student will not be permitted to resume the pursuit of any Graduate or Doctoral degree through Liberty University.

Sanctions

None specified

Exceptions

Exceptions are granted on a case by case basis through the approval by University Registrar Or Provost.