

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Application for “Academic Forgiveness”

Academic forgiveness is designed to allow a “fresh start” (in terms of GPA) for the returning adult student who may have performed poorly in an earlier college career. The forgiven grades will be excluded from the cumulative GPA computation, but the credits (up to a maximum of 30) may still be used to meet degree requirements.

In order to qualify for forgiveness, a student must meet the following conditions:

- 1) Students must not have been enrolled in an institution of higher education for at least five continuous years prior to admission/readmission to UW-Eau Claire, except for courses which have been a precondition for admission/readmission.
- 2) After admission/readmission, students must earn a GPA of 2.5 or higher in the first 12 credits which count toward the minimum degree requirements at UWEC before applying for forgiveness.

Note: Forgiveness may be granted only once
See reverse side for more detailed information on criteria.

Name: _____ Student ID Number _____

Admitted/readmitted to UWEC in the: Spring Summer Fall Year _____

Number of credits completed since admission/readmission: _____ credits (minimum of 12 is required)

GPA attained in first 12 degrees (remedial does not apply) credits: _____ GPA (minimum of 2.5 is required)

Institution(s) from which work is to be “forgiven”: _____

Only 30 credits of “forgiven” coursework may apply toward graduation. **If the student had earned more than 30 credits** prior to admission/readmission to UWEC, list courses below which should **NOT** be applied toward graduation:

Student’s Signature	Date of Request		
Major/Minor Adviser’s Signature	Date	Recommended	Not Recommended
Dept. Chair’s Signature	Date	Recommended	Not Recommended
Dean of School’s Signature	Date	Recommended	Not Recommended

Submit signed form to Blugold Central – Registrar’s Unit OL 1108

ACADEMIC FORGIVENESS POLICY

The Academic Forgiveness policy allows students returning to school after at least a five-year absence to have their earlier grades excluded from their GPA under certain circumstances:

1. Students must not have been enrolled in an institution of higher learning (including technical colleges) for at least five continuous years prior to admission/readmission to UW-Eau Claire except for completion of courses which were a precondition for admission/readmission.
2. After admission/readmission, students must earn a GPA of 2.5 or higher in the first 12 credits which count toward the minimum degree requirements at UW-Eau Claire before applying for forgiveness.
3. The request for forgiveness must be approved by the student's adviser, the department chair if the student has declared a major, and the Dean of the College in which the student is enrolled.
4. If forgiveness is granted, all courses taken five or more years prior to admission/readmission (and the grades received) will continue to appear on the student's record, but the student's total GPA will be based solely on credits earned after admission/readmission to UW-Eau Claire. In other words, **the previous GPA will no longer be counted** into the student's total GPA.
5. If forgiveness is granted, all credit hours with a grade of "D-" or better earned five or more years before admission/readmission, up to a maximum of 30, may be used to satisfy degree requirements even though they are not included in the student's total GPA.

Note this maximum of 30 forgiven credits to be applied toward a degree! *If you have more than 30 credits from your previous (to be forgiven) enrollment, you should consult with your adviser to determine whether or not the beneficial effect on your GPA is desirable enough to offset the loss of credits toward your degree.*

6. Forgiveness of grades earned five or more years before admission/readmission may be granted only once.

If you are considering applying:

You should –

1. make sure you meet the above-stated requirements
2. obtain a copy of your degree audit, and an unofficial transcript—take these to your adviser
3. determine in consultation with your adviser whether or not Academic Forgiveness will be beneficial for you (see the note above in #5).

Note: If "forgiveness" is granted, you will receive an updated copy of your transcript from Blugold Central – Registrar's Unit. This is the only notification you will receive.

If you have questions regarding this policy, call the Registrar at (715)836-3887.