

ACADEMIC RENEWAL

Students who are either returning to ABAC or transferring from another University System of Georgia (USG) institution may be eligible for Academic Renewal. Academic Renewal for the student signals the initiation of a new grade point average to be used for determining academic standing. This provision allows degree-seeking students who earlier experienced academic difficulty to make a fresh start and have one final opportunity to earn an associate or bachelor's degree.

Procedures

- I. Applying for Academic Renewal Status
 - A. Students are encouraged to apply for Academic Renewal status at the time of re-enrollment or enrollment as a transfer student at ABAC. Students who do not request Academic Renewal status at that time may do so up to one calendar year after enrollment.
 - B. The application for Academic Renewal is available through the Registrar's Office or online at http://apps.abac.edu/registrar/Student_Resources/AcademicRenewal.pdf
 - C. The denial of a request for Academic Renewal status can be appealed to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
 - D. A student can be granted Academic Renewal status only one time
- II. All previously attempted coursework continues to be recorded on the student's official transcript.
 - A. A Renewal GPA is begun when the student resumes taking coursework following approval for Academic Renewal.
 - B. The Academic Renewal GPA will be used for determining academic standing and eligibility for graduation.
 1. To earn a degree from ABAC, a student must meet the institution's residency requirements after acquiring Academic Renewal status.
 2. The student's overall GPA, not the Academic Renewal GPA, will be used for determining honors for graduation.
 - C. Academic credit for previously completed coursework, including transfer and transient coursework, will be retained only for courses in which a grade of A, B, or C has been earned.
 1. Retained grades are not calculated in a Renewal GPA. Such credit is considered in the same context as transfer credit, credit by examination, and courses with grades of "S."
 2. Courses with grades of D or F must be repeated at the Academic Renewal institution if they are required in the student's degree program.
 3. Applicability of retained credit to degree requirements will be determined by the degree requirements in effect at the time Academic Renewal status is conferred on the student. Specific institutional program regulations must also be met.

- III.** Students who are transferring to ABAC or are returning to ABAC may be eligible for Academic Renewal for coursework taken prior to the period of absence.
 - A.** Readmitted Students
 - 1. Students who return to ABAC may be eligible for Academic Renewal for coursework taken prior to the period of absence.
 - a. Students must have been absent from ABAC for a minimum period of five (5) years
 - b. Transfer credit for any coursework taken during the period of absence will be granted according to ABAC policies regarding transfer credits.
 - B.** Transfer Students
 - 1. Students who leave a regionally accredited institution of higher education and transfer to ABAC may be eligible for Academic Renewal for coursework taken prior to a period of time equal to the period of absence required for Academic Renewal eligibility for readmitted students, which is five (5) years.
 - a. Only coursework completed five years or more prior to transfer to ABAC can be considered for Academic Renewal.
 - b. Courses taken more recently than five years prior to the date of transfer to ABAC are ineligible for consideration for Academic Renewal. However, transfer credit for coursework taken within the five year period will be granted according to ABAC policies regarding transfer credits.
- IV.** Any academic suspensions that occurred in the past shall remain recorded on the student's permanent record. If a suspension (either first or second) is on the record and the student encounters subsequent academic difficulty after having been granted Academic Renewal, the next suspension subjects the student to dismissal.
- V.** The Renewal GPA begins with the semester following re-enrollment.
- VI.** Re-entry into any program is not automatic.
- VII.** The granting of Academic Renewal does not supersede financial aid policies regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- VIII.** The granting of Academic Renewal does not supersede the admissions requirements of certain programs, e.g. teacher education and nursing, which require a specific minimum grade point average based upon all coursework.
- IX.** Academic Renewal status granted by one USG institution shall be honored at all other USG institutions.



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Request for Academic Renewal

Eligible for Renewal:

If you are currently enrolled at ABAC, your academic record will be updated within 5 days of your Academic Renewal Application.

If you are not currently enrolled at ABAC, your academic record will be updated after drop/add ends for the term you readmit.

Reminder: Academic Renewal does NOT impact any part of the Financial Aid calculation for Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Decision letters will be mailed to all applicants.

Name: _____ Banner ID Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

I certify that I have read the Academic Renewal Policy. I believe I qualify for Academic Renewal at ABAC and wish to petition for Academic Renewal.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print this form, fill it out completely and mail or fax to:

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