



442.0 - Academic Forgiveness

Purpose:

The purpose of this Operational Procedure is to establish procedures for Academic Forgiveness allowing, under defined circumstance, a student to request all BSC grades from a semester(s) to be excluded from their GPA calculation.

Procedure:

1. Students should meet with an academic advisor to submit an Academic Forgiveness Form.
2. Academic Forgiveness must be reviewed and approved by the Director of Academic Records & Registrar prior to processing in Academic Records. This process could take up to two weeks.
3. A student may only exercise the option of Academic Forgiveness once.
4. Academic forgiveness applies to students who have not been in attendance for four or more years.
 - a. Attendance is defined as a transcript record of A, B, C, D, F, S, U, W, I.
5. Academic Forgiveness may be requested for one or more semesters if those semester(s) are prior to the four-year interval.
6. Students who completed a degree (Bachelor of Applied Science, Associate degree, Diploma, Certificate or a Certificate of Completion) at Bismarck State College will not qualify for Academic Forgiveness for semesters that contributed to earning of that degree.
7. Academic forgiveness will be applied to all Bismarck State College courses within the requested semester(s) which includes all passing and failing grades.
8. Courses and grades for the semester(s) selected will remain on the student's transcript as attempted, but credits, honor points, and grades will be excluded from grade point average calculations.



9. Academic Forgiveness may affect eligibility of federal financial aid as it relates to Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements.
10. The prior academic standing of a student will not change because of Academic Forgiveness.
11. Courses where grades have been forgiven cannot be used to satisfy any academic requirements.
12. Extenuating circumstances will be considered on an individual basis by the appropriate Academic Dean or Vice President for Academic Affairs.
13. There is no guarantee that Academic Forgiveness will be recognized by any other college or university.

References:

[BSC Grades & GPA Information](#)

History of This Procedure:

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