

College Operating Procedures (COP)



Procedure Title: Academic Second Chance
Procedure Number: 03-1705
Originating Department: Provost/Vice President, Academic Affairs

Specific Authority:

Board Policy n/a
Florida Statute n/a
Florida Administrative Code n/a

Procedure Actions: Adopted: 7/24/09; 02/10/11

Purpose Statement: The Academic Second Chance policy allows students to request that transfer or Florida SouthWestern State coursework that is five calendar years or older be excluded from GPA calculations and determining graduation eligibility.

Guidelines:

The Academic Second Chance policy allows students to request that transfer or the coursework that is five calendar years or older be excluded from GPA calculations and determining graduation eligibility. To be eligible, students must complete all admission requirements and be admitted to a degree or certificate program. Academic Second Chance is a one-time non-reversible opportunity.

Academic Second Chance

The student must submit a completed Academic Second Chance petition to the Office of the Registrar on the Lee Campus, or to the Campus Dean at Charlotte, Collier and Hendry/Glades. The student must complete a minimum of twelve semester hours while maintaining a GPA of 2.00 or higher for the petition to be considered. ESL/ENS/EAP and college preparatory courses are not included when calculating the twelve semester hour minimum and the 2.0 GPA.

The following statement is added to the student's transcript when the petition is approved: "Academic Second Chance policy has been applied." All grades and courses remain on the transcript.

The Academic Second Chance policy is applied only once and it cannot be reversed. Students planning to transfer to another college or university are cautioned that the receiving institution may use all grades earned when computing a GPA for admissions eligibility or for other purposes. Academic Second Chance has no effect on the student's financial aid award history. Academic Second Chance has no effect on the calculation of course attempts related to the multiple course attempts surcharge.