

Office/Contact: Office of Academic Affairs

Source: SDBOR Policy 2.8.1

Link: <https://public.powerdms.com/SDRegents/documents/1587738>

Associated Forms: [Academic Amnesty Petition Form](#)

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
Policy and Procedure Manual

SUBJECT: Academic Amnesty

NUMBER: 2:9

1. Purpose

This policy and its procedures implement SDBOR Policy 2.8.1. The goal of academic amnesty is to respond to the academic needs of individuals as they develop newly identified potential. Through the application of academic amnesty, the student's prior academic record can be excluded from current work under certain conditions.

2. Policy

a. To be eligible, the student must:

- i. be an undergraduate, full- or part-time, degree-seeking student at the University;
- ii. not have been enrolled in any postsecondary institution for a minimum of three (3) consecutive terms (including only fall and/or spring terms) prior to the most recent admission to the home institution. Exceptions may be granted in rare cases only by the SDBOR Vice President for Academic Affairs upon recommendation by the University Provost/Wice President for Academic Affairs;
- iii. have completed a minimum of twelve (12) graded credit hours taken at any SDBOR university with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 for twelve (12) credit hours after the most recent admission to the home institution;
- iv. not have earned a baccalaureate degree from any university;
- v. not have been granted any prior academic amnesty at any SDBOR university;
- vi. submit the Academic Amnesty Petition Form to the Records and Registration Office following the procedures established by the University.

b. Conditions:

- i. Academic amnesty does not apply to individual courses.

- g. If a student is determined to not be eligible for academic amnesty due to not meeting requirement 2.ä.
 - i. If the student would like to request an exception due to not meeting requirement 2.a.ii, resubmit the completed petition and any supporting documentation to the Office of Academic Affairs for consideration.
 - ii. The Office of Academic Affairs will notify the student of the decision.
 - iii. Exceptions are considered when the student does not meet requirement i.2.ä if other requirements are not met, exceptions are not considered.

4. Responsible Administrator

The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, ~~successor~~ ~~designee~~ is responsible for annual and ad hoc review of this policy and its procedures. The University President is responsible for approval of modifications to this policy and its procedures.

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