

AR 31. Academic Fresh Start Policy (Undergraduate Students)

An Oregon State University undergraduate student may petition once with the registrar to exclude OSU courses from the calculation of institutional requirements, credits, and grade-point average, under a condition of Academic Fresh Start defined below:

Conditions to qualify:

The student must have an absence from OSU that begins after the end of the student's last term of attendance and exceeds five years before re-admittance to a degree program at OSU. Prior to applying for Academic Fresh Start, the student must, after re-enrolling in the university, have successfully completed a minimum of 24 letter-graded units from OSU over consecutive terms, and earned a grade-point average of at least 2.5 in these terms. The student must also provide a signed letter of support that provides the rationale for Academic Fresh Start from a current OSU college ~~head advisor~~[director of advising](#) or associate dean.

Effect of the Academic Fresh Start:

- Upon meeting all of the conditions of qualification, the student may select from one to three contiguous academic terms from previous enrollment at OSU to which the Academic Fresh Start will be applied.
- The grades¹ from all courses taken during the terms that are proposed for Academic Fresh Start will be excluded from meeting institutional requirements and the calculation of institutional units and grade-point average.
- All grades representing the student's academic history at OSU will appear on the student's academic record (transcript), but all Academic Fresh Start approved courses will be coded as "excluded" similar to a repeated course. Additionally, a comment of "Academic Fresh Start" will be appended to each term that qualifies under Academic Fresh Start.
- All courses excluded under Academic Fresh Start, will also be excluded from the calculation of course repeats defined by AR 20.

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Valid grades include outstanding / (Incomplete) grades that have not been resolved.

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