



## Policy 02:060 – Academic Clemency

Academic Clemency is designed for former undergraduate students at UM whose GPAs during previous enrollments make it impossible or highly unlikely for them ever to graduate. Academic Clemency offers former students the opportunity to resume their college studies with a realistic possibility of completing an undergraduate degree. Students who were suspended or expelled from UM for academic dishonesty or misconduct are not eligible for Academic Clemency. Academic Clemency may be awarded only once, cannot be awarded retroactively, and cannot be revoked. Established requirements for repeating classes, admission to, or progression in specific academic degree programs take precedence over this policy.

A former student may apply for academic clemency to the Dean of the college on which he or she intends to pursue a major if he or she has not been enrolled at any academic institution for at least 36 months and has not previously been granted Academic Clemency at UM. The student must earn a 2.5 GPA or higher in at least 12 hours of degree-applicable course work (approved by the dean) in the first term following readmission to UM in order for Clemency to be applied. Once Clemency has been earned, the following rules apply to the student's academic record:

- Degree requirements will be in accordance with those in effect at the time of the student's readmission.
- All previous academic work will remain on the student's transcript with an appropriate notation, but the grades for previous work are not used in computing the UM grade point average. UM courses in which grades of "C" or higher were earned during previous attendance may be applied to graduation requirements. UM courses in which grades of "D" were earned during previous college attendance may not be applied to graduation requirements.
- No adjustments will be made to previously accepted transfer coursework.
- After clemency is granted, the student's UM GPA will be recalculated beginning with the semester in which the student was readmitted to UM through the Academic Clemency process. The student's academic standing in previous semesters will not be changed. Policies governing satisfactory academic progress, probation, and suspension will govern eligibility for continued enrollment following readmission.
- Students who are granted Academic Clemency may not receive Graduation Honors (cum laude, magna cum laude, summa cum laude).

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