ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Academic Renewal
The University’s Academic Renewal policy allows students previously dismissed from the university or former students returning with a USF GPA below 2.00 to renew their pursuit of baccalaureate degrees without the responsibility of having to overcome the entire burden of low grades and low grade-point-averages. To facilitate this opportunity, students who qualify for Academic Renewal may, with the approval of the Academic Regulations Committee and/or the Office of Undergraduate Studies, have portions of their academic record excluded from calculation of their grade point averages (GPAs). To be eligible for academic renewal, the student must select a major in which they will graduate according to his/her degree progression plan. The entire academic record, however, will continue to be reflected on their transcripts even though a selected portion will not be counted in their GPAs. Academic Renewal students are admitted with the same terms of academic probation and dismissal as other undergraduate students. Academic Renewal will only be applied to a student’s academic record one time at USF. Students returning to the University under Academic Renewal may incur excess hours and associated monetary penalty.

Academic Renewal I (AR-I)
Students who have been academically dismissed or former students returning with a USF GPA below 2.0 may petition the Academic Regulations Committee to return to the University under AR-I. A student will be considered for reinstatement to the University under Academic Renewal I after completing all requirements for the Associate of Arts degree or equivalent (including general education, and the State Communication and Mathematics Requirements (formerly known as Gordon Rule) at a two- or four-year college other than USF. Academic Renewal I students will enter USF as an upper-division student and their USF grade point average will be calculated from that point forward. While AR-I is required for students who have earned less than 60 credit hours, it is not restricted to those students. In order to graduate following re-admission under AR-I, all campus and major residency and degree requirements must be met. Students who are admitted under AR-I may be excluded from admission to limited access programs and will not be considered for University Honors at graduation unless they meet the criteria using all grades earned.

Academic Renewal II (AR-II)
Academic Renewal II is available to students who were academically dismissed or former students returning with a USF GPA below 2.0 and have 60 or more earned credits from USF or other institutions of higher education. These students will be considered for reinstatement to the University under Academic Renewal II after a break in USF enrollment for a full academic year (fall, spring, summer). Students may choose to complete major prerequisites at a non-USF institution during this time, but are not required to do so. Students who choose to take courses at a non-USF institution should meet with the academic advisor of their intended USF major prior to enrolling in courses elsewhere.

The Office of Academic Affairs or designee will, in consultation with the college of the student’s intended major, make a final decision regarding the readmission.

Following readmission under Academic Renewal II, students will have their USF GPA calculated from that point forward. Prior USF System credits will reflect zero hours on the transcript. In order to graduate, following readmission under AR-II, all campus and major residency and degree requirements must be met. Students readmitted under AR-II may be excluded from admission to limited access programs. Further, students who exercise the Academic Renewal II policy will not be considered for University Honors at graduation unless they meet the criteria using all grades earned.