

Darton College Academic Renewal Policy

The Academic Renewal program provides the opportunity for degree-seeking students within the University System of Georgia who have experienced academic difficulty to have one final opportunity to earn an associate or bachelor's degree at a system school. A student at Darton College seeking Academic Renewal status from former enrollment at Darton must have had a five-year absence from any postsecondary institution. A student may be granted Academic Renewal status only once.

Former Learning Support students may apply for Academic Renewal only if they successfully completed all Learning Support requirements prior to the commencement of the five-year period of absence.

All previous coursework and academic standing continue to be reflected on the student's official transcript. Academic credit for previously completed coursework, including transfer courses, will be retained only for courses in which a A, B, or C grade has been earned. The renewal grade point average is begun when the student resumes taking coursework following approval for Academic Renewal. Retained grades are not calculated in the Renewal GPA. The Renewal GPA begins with the semester following re-enrollment. Required courses with D or F grades must be repeated at the Academic Renewal institution. All remaining courses for the student's current degree program must be completed at the Academic Renewal institution. A student classified with Academic Renewal cannot attend another institution as a transient student.

Re-enrolling students who have been out of school for five years and who do not request Academic Renewal status at the time of re-admission may request the status within three academic semesters or within one calendar year, whichever comes first. Suspended or dismissed students who attend another institution during the suspension/dismissal period are not eligible for Academic Renewal.

Students wishing to apply for Academic Renewal must complete an "Academic Renewal Application." Once the application is completed, the student is required to meet with the Academic Appeals Committee, which meets immediately prior to the beginning of each semester. Final approval of the Academic Renewal status is granted by the Academic Appeals Committee.

For the convenience of students, the Academic Appeals Committee sits at the beginning of each semester. Students may contact the [Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs](#) (229) 430-6710 to make an appointment.

Fax the completed application to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at (229) 430-3053

Or mail to:

**Vice President of Academic Affairs
Darton College
2400 Gillionville Rd
Albany, GA 31707**

Academic Renewal Application

Effective Fall 1995

The Academic Renewal policy allows University System of Georgia degree-seeking students who have experienced academic difficulty at an institution to have one opportunity to make a fresh start at that same institution after an absence of five calendar years from any postsecondary institution.

I understand that:

1. I can be granted Academic Renewal only once.
2. Any scholastic suspensions that occurred in the past shall remain on my permanent record.
3. Academic credit for previously completed coursework - including transfer coursework - will be retained only for courses in which an "A", "B" or "C" grade was earned. Retained grades will not be calculated in the Academic Renewal GPA but will be counted in Academic Renewal hours earned.
4. To earn a degree I must meet Darton College's residency policy after acquiring academic renewal status.
5. At least 50% of work toward a degree must be completed after the granting of Academic Renewal status in order to be eligible for honors at graduation.
6. The granting of Academic Renewal does not supersede financial aid policies regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress.
7. The granting of Academic Renewal may supersede the admissions requirements of certain programs; e.g., allied health and nursing which require a specific minimum grade point average based on all course work.
8. An Academic Renewal Grade Point Average will begin when I resume taking coursework following the five-year period of absence once Academic Renewal is granted. The institution will place a statement on my transcript indicating Academic Renewal status and the beginning of a separate Academic Renewal Grade Point Average.
9. The Academic Renewal GPA will be used for determining academic standing and eligibility for graduation.
10. Courses with D or F grades must be repeated at Darton College if they are required in my degree program. Further, all remaining course for the current degree objective must be completed at Darton College - no transient/transfer credit will be accepted.
11. Applicability of retained credit to degree requirements will be determined by the degree requirements currently in effect at the time Academic Renewal status is conferred. Specific institutional program regulations must also be met.
12. If I was a transfer student since my last enrollment at Darton College, I understand that NO transfer credit will be granted for coursework completed during that time.

Student's Signature

Today's Date

Student's SSN

Quarter Last Enrolled

Academic Renewal Approved

Date Approved