

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY BOARD POLICY

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Subject: Policy on Academic Clemency

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Any undergraduate student who has previously attended Arkansas Tech University and whose attendance has been interrupted for a period of at least three years may qualify to request academic clemency providing the following criteria are met. Under this policy a student may apply to have grades and credits earned for one or more consecutive terms or semesters at TECH previous to the separation removed from the grade point average.

After re-entering TECH following a separation of at least three years, a student may request academic clemency at the office of the registrar. The student shall specify the term or terms for which clemency is desired. The registrar's office shall forward the request for academic clemency, along with other appropriate permanent record information to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for approval. Upon approval, the registrar's office re-computes the grade point average, makes the necessary entries to the permanent record of the student and notifies the student's advisor.

Clemency shall cover all credits earned during the term or terms for which clemency is requested and approved. The student's complete record will remain on the transcript with the added notation of "academic clemency received" and the effective date.

Any petition for academic clemency must be requested and granted prior to the beginning of the second semester of enrollment after returning the TECH. Academic clemency may be granted only one time and is irreversible.

For purposes of degree requirements, a student who receives clemency must follow the provisions of the catalog in effect at the time of re-enrollment.

Academic clemency does not restore eligibility for student financial aid, scholarships, or athletic eligibility.