

## Academic Fresh Start

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Academic Fresh Start is a policy which provides students with poor or marginal academic college records the opportunity to resume work toward their degree without the burden of a poor grade point average (GPA) due to past academic performance. A student must be returning to college after a four-year absence to qualify for Academic Fresh Start. Academic Fresh Start removes all prior college grades from the student's transcript while academic clemency is limited to removal of 15 credit hours. This policy refers to NCCC only. A student transferring to another institution will follow the other institution's policy.

Students must meet the following requirements before being granted this option:

1. Separation from all institutions of higher education for at least four years.
2. Formal application to the chief academic officer (Chanute) or the Academic Dean (Ottawa) (this application should describe the reasons for the request and outline an academic plan, which includes the declaration of an area of academic interest).
3. Agree that the calculation of the GPA and credit hour totals will be based solely on work completed after this point and enrollment at Neosho County Community College and the student will forfeit use of all credit hours toward a degree earned prior to the academic fresh start being granted.

If academic fresh start is granted, the student may resume his/her studies with the understanding that:

1. Academic Fresh Start at NCCC may be granted only once.
2. The student's permanent record will remain a record of all work, regardless of the institution at which that work was completed; however, the returning student will forfeit the use of all credit hours toward a degree earned prior to the four-year separation period.
3. The student's record will carry a notation designating when the Academic Fresh Start was granted and noting that the calculation of GPA and credit totals for degree purposes begins with that date.
4. Students applying for admission under Academic Fresh Start must meet admission requirements established by NCCC.
5. This policy refers to NCCC only. A student transferring to another institution will have to follow the other institution's policy.

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