



## **Adams State College Undergraduate Academic Amnesty Policy**

### **General Provisions**

1. A student can request amnesty for a course or courses in one or more semesters under the academic amnesty policy. If a student requests amnesty for a course in a given semester, all courses within that semester with a grade of "IF", "F", "TF" or "D" must be included in the request.
2. The credits earned in course or courses that are forgiven will be removed from the total credits earned, and the student will receive no credit for the course.
3. A Student who has been granted Academic Amnesty must earn a minimum of 30 credit hours from the point of readmission to be eligible to receive a baccalaureate degree.
4. Any academic probations, suspensions or dismissals from forgiven semesters will not be rescinded. They will count when the Unsatisfactory Academic Progress Policy is applied to the student's record after re-admission
5. Students who re-enter under academic amnesty must follow and adhere to terms of the catalog, including all academic requirements and policies, of the year of re-entry. If a student is granted academic amnesty, eligibility for financial assistance is not guaranteed. Financial aid eligibility is determined by the Standards of Academic Progress policy for financial aid recipients. The FSA (federal student aid) program regulations make no provision for the concept of academic amnesty or academic renewal. Therefore, a school must always include courses applicable to a student's major (whenever taken) in evaluating a student's satisfactory academic progress (SAP).
6. Application of the Academic Amnesty Policy may affect academic standing and financial aid. Reentering students should discuss their options with an academic advisor and a financial aid advisor. Applications must be reviewed and signed by the APAA.
7. Students may only use this policy once. Courses in which the grade has been forgiven will not count toward graduation. Once a decision has been made to grant or deny academic amnesty it cannot be appealed, meaning that once approved, academic amnesty cannot be rescinded even if the student elects to return to his/her former major area. This policy does not alter any departmental policies on academic dismissal.

### **Specific Provisions**

1. After three consecutive years of non-attendance, a student may request Academic Amnesty based upon past academic performance.
2. The request will be reviewed after the student has completed at least one semester since being readmitted to ASC. The student must complete 9 credits and earn a GPA of 2.0 for the request to be approved.
3. When the student's request is approved, grades of "IF", "F", "TF" and "D" for the courses from the prior attendance period will be excluded from the student's Grade Point Average. However, the courses will remain on the student's official transcripts designated with a special code for Academic Amnesty.
4. The courses/grades that are included in the amnesty process will appear on student transcripts and may be used by professional programs in their admissions decisions.