ACADEMIC RENEWAL

Policy

An academic renewal program is available to qualified undergraduate students. Academic renewal prevents the voided coursework from counting toward graduation and the computation of the grade point average; however, the voided coursework will remain a part of the transcript. Qualified undergraduate students must not have attended any accredited college or university for at least two previous years and must have a cumulative grade point average, since readmission, of at least 2.0 (with no grade below “D”), computed at the end of the term in which the student completes a minimum of 12 semester hours of courses numbered 100 or above.

Western accepts transfer credit retained through academic renewal at other institutions but will use grades from those courses for the computation of the higher education grade point average.

Students that have earned an Associate’s degree may not void a semester in which credit was earned towards the degree.

Students requesting academic renewal are required to complete and submit the “Petition for Academic Renewal” form to the Office of the Registrar, indicating whether one semester or all previous coursework is to be voided. No student may declare academic renewal more than once.

Procedures

Voided coursework may not be retrieved and is irreversible.

Students must be absent from higher education for a period of 2 years (24 months).

The petition should not be filed until the student has fulfilled the conditions of eligibility.

The student will be notified in writing whether the petition for academic renewal has been approved or denied on the basis of eligibility.

Academic renewal is available only to currently enrolled students seeking a degree from Western Kentucky University.

Students who request academic renewal for a semester(s) may not use any credit earned during that period toward degree requirements. Voided courses required for the degree must be repeated.
Students must be absent from higher education for a period of 2 years (24 months) to qualify and upon return to higher education, must complete twelve credit hours, with a 2.0 or higher GPA in coursework numbered 100 level and above, with no grade lower than a “D”. If these requirements have been fulfilled, indicate below if you want to void one semester or all previous coursework.

Semester(s) for which academic renewal is requested:

- [ ] One Semester
  (check box and list term to void)

- [ ] All Previous Coursework
  (check box and list the terms to void)

I certify I understand the conditions necessary to be eligible for academic renewal. I also realize the effect academic renewal will have on my status relative to academic programs and degree requirements, as well as financial aid and athletic eligibility. In addition, I understand the voided coursework will remain a part of my permanent academic record even though it will not count toward graduation or the computation of my grade point average and voided coursework may not be retrieved and is irreversible.

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