

## **Academic Renewal Policy**

Undergraduate students who have dropped out or have been suspended because of poor academic performance may request to start over with the status of an entering freshman at Louisiana Tech University under the provisions of academic renewal.

The following conditions apply:

1. At least three consecutive calendar years must elapse between the end of the quarter in which the student was last registered for credit at any college or university and being enrolled under academic renewal.
2. The student must submit a written application for academic renewal to the Academic Renewal Subcommittee of the Enrollment Management Council, Louisiana Tech University, P.O. Box 3178, Ruston, LA 71272. This application must be received by the subcommittee by the end of the official last class day of the first quarter of attendance at Louisiana Tech. It should also indicate any circumstances which have changed since the last enrollment that would support a reasonable expectation of the candidate's academic success.
3. The Academic Renewal Subcommittee will review the application and determine the candidate's eligibility for renewal prior to the end of the student's first quarter of enrollment at Louisiana Tech University.
4. No prior academic credit carries forward as part of a degree program; however, the prior record remains a visible part of the student's transcript.
5. If granted, the date of academic renewal is entered upon the transcript along with the statement prohibiting use of previously earned credits and quality points to meet degree requirements, to compute grade point average leading toward undergraduate certificates or degrees, or to determine graduation status.
6. Upon being granted academic renewal, the student has status as entering freshman with no credits attempted, no quality points earned, and no prior suspensions.
7. A student demonstrating competency in a given area may be allowed advanced standing (without credit) or a waiver of requirements just as any entering freshman. Credit examinations may be taken for courses in which grades of "C" or higher were

earned.

8. Academic renewal may be granted to a person only once, regardless of institutions attended.
9. Students are cautioned that many undergraduate professional curricula and graduate and professional schools compute the undergraduate grade point average over all hours attempted when considering applications for admission.
10. Transfer students who have previously been granted academic renewal will use the application procedure described above for consideration of transfer renewal.
11. Academic renewal does not pertain to accumulated Financial Aid History. Accumulated quarter and award limits include all quarters of enrollment.

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