## ACADEMIC RENEWAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## POLICIES

University System of Georgia undergraduate students who have been readmitted or reinstated after a period of absence of five (5) calendar years or longer are eligible for academic renewal. Academic renewal for the student signals the initiation of a new grade point average to be used for determining academic standing. This provision allows University System of Georgia degree-seeking students who earlier experienced academic difficulty (probation, continued probation, suspension, GPA below 2.00) to make a fresh start and have one final opportunity to earn a bachelor’s degree.

Former Developmental Studies students may apply for Academic Renewal only if they successfully completed all developmental Studies requirements prior to the beginning of the five-year absence.

The granting of Academic Renewal does not supersede institutional financial aid policies governing Satisfactory Academic Progress and does not supersede the admissions requirements of certain programs (e.g., teacher education) that require a specific minimum grade point average based on all coursework. Re-entry into any academic program is not automatic.

## PROCEDURES

Students who wish to apply for Academic Renewal must submit an Application for Academic Renewal. The application may be submitted at the time of readmissions, but no later than the end of three semesters of re-enrollment or one calendar year following re-enrollment, whichever comes first. The Renewal GPA begins with the semester following re-enrollment.

Academic credit for previously completed coursework – including transfer credit – will be retained only for courses in which grades of A,B, C, S or K have been earned. Courses with D or F grades must be repeated if they are required in the student’s degree program. Retained grades are not calculated in the Academic Renewal GPA, but are counted in the Academic Renewal Hours Earned.

To earn a degree, a student must meet the institution’s residency requirements after acquiring academic renewal status. At least 50% of work toward a degree must be completed after the granting of Academic Renewal status for a student to be eligible for honors at graduation.

Note: Please refer to the Board of Regents, Academic Affairs Handbook, Section 3.16 for additional information on Policies and Procedures.