Academic Major Forgiveness Policy

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This forgiveness policy offers the opportunity to improve an undergraduate student's academic record if such student has not successfully completed required courses in their initial chosen major area of study.

Students are eligible to apply to petition for forgiveness provided they have declared and, where relevant, been formally accepted into a new major program of study. Forgiveness may be granted only once during the entirety of a student's enrollment (including any subsequent re-enrollment periods) at the College. The application for forgiveness must be submitted to the Academic Dean before the student has attained lower junior standing (the equivalent of 60 credits).

The following criteria apply:

• The initial major must have been an officially declared major. Only courses from an officially initial declared major are eligible for forgiveness.

• A maximum of two required courses in the original major discipline may be forgiven. Courses that were previously repeated are not eligible for forgiveness.

• Forgiven grades are not computed as part of the student's GPA and the related credits that may have been earned will not apply towards meeting graduation requirements.

• The Course Repetition Policy does not apply to forgiven courses, even if the forgiven courses are retaken at a future time.

• The student's academic record cannot be reversed to its prior standing.

• Enhanced GPAs that are a product of this policy cannot be retroactively applied to a student's academic standing for any reason (e.g., to meet a prior term's requirements for Dean's list and/or to remedy academic dismissal/probation).

• The forgiveness policy does not apply to Core, elective or graduate courses.

• It is at the discretion of other institutions and organizations to honor this policy. As such, students should note that each course attempt becomes part of their permanent record and will appear on their transcript irrespective of whether such courses are forgiven under this policy.

• The student is aware that changing a major, especially with grade forgiveness, will likely result in degree completion beyond the date stated on their program evaluation. Grade forgiveness may also affect financial aid eligibility.

• Final acceptance of forgiveness is granted solely at the final discretion of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean.