

 Wharton County Junior College	ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE		
WCJC Title: Academic Fresh Start	Section F: Student	Pages: 2	
Policy Title: Academic Achievement: Grading and Credit, Admissions	Policy: FB		
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Purpose

Pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section §51.931, as amended by Texas Senate Bill 365, Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) provides eligible students with the option to apply for Academic Fresh Start. Academic Fresh Start allows qualifying prior coursework earned five or more years before the requested date of enrollment to be excluded from academic consideration at WCJC.

Students admitted under Academic Fresh Start will not receive academic credit for excluded coursework. Excluded coursework will not be used to satisfy prerequisite requirements, degree requirements, or calculation of the grade point average (GPA). Excluded coursework may be used to satisfy Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements, if applicable.

Procedure

Requests for Academic Fresh Start must be submitted to the Office of Admissions and Registration using the Academic Fresh Start Acknowledgement Form available on the WCJC website under Student Forms.

Academic Fresh Start Conditions and Provisions

1. To be eligible for an Academic Fresh Start, a student/applicant must:
 - a. Be classified as a Texas Resident for tuition purposes,
 - b. Not have a degree of any type, and
 - c. Submit all official transcripts from other institutions, regardless of whether an Academic Fresh Start has been granted at any previous institution.

2. Undergraduate coursework excluded through the Academic Fresh Start process will not be applied toward a student’s degree or their GPA, for any and all coursework taken at a Texas public institution 5+ years prior to the date of enrollment.

3. Coursework and grades excluded from the GPA due to granting of an Academic Fresh Start:
 - a. Will remain on the student's official record for audit purposes,
 - b. Will not be used as prerequisites for subsequent coursework,
 - c. Will not be used to meet graduation requirements, and
 - d. May reclassify the student for admission purposes.

4. Any existing degree plan or commitment which considered coursework that will now be excluded under the Academic Fresh Start policy is invalid.
5. The Academic Fresh Start, once granted, may not be reversed under any circumstances.
6. Fresh Start clears only a student's academic record and does not impact the number of semesters that a student is considered to have been in higher education for the purpose of calculating a student's Financial Aid.

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