This policy provides the opportunity for a fresh Ramapo cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) for students returning to the institution after a break of 24 consecutive months.

**Reason for Policy**

To support the academic success of returning Ramapo undergraduate students, the Fresh Start policy offers them the same clean GPA accorded to students who transfer to RCNJ from other institutions.

**To Whom Does The Policy Apply**

The Ramapo College Fresh Start policy applies only to former RCNJ students pursuing a first undergraduate degree who have been away from RCNJ for a minimum of 24 consecutive months.

**Related Documents**

Procedure
Undergraduate Residency Requirement Policy (300-F)
Graduation with Distinction for Baccalaureate Degree Recipients (300-P)

**Contacts**

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Procedure

FRESH START

Students who have been away from Ramapo for at least 24 consecutive months must re-apply to the College through the Office of Adult and Graduate Admissions. At that time, a student may also apply for a Fresh Start.

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1. The Office of Adult and Graduate Admissions will review and process and approve Fresh Start approval forms once the Dean of the School that the student intends to enroll in has signed the application in approval of readmission.
2. Students who have been dismissed from RCNJ for academic reasons are not eligible for either re-admission or Fresh Start.
3. Students who have been dismissed from RCNJ for judicial or other non-academic reasons are not eligible for either re-admission or Fresh Start.
4. Fresh Start is neither automatic nor guaranteed.

II. If re-admission under Fresh Start is granted, students begin with a cumulative G.P.A. of 0.00 after which all the rules of academic standing for the College will apply. Similar to transfer credits, any credits earned prior to re-enrollment under Fresh Start are considered in the same manner as transfer credits, with respect to will count towards RCNJ pre-requisites and graduation requirements and the GPA calculation. Specifically, students’ previous RCNJ grades would be adjusted as follows:

1. Grades of P and DC or better will reflect credit only, not quality points.
2. Grades of F will be eliminated from GPA calculations.
3. Grades from all prior RCNJ coursework will remain on the transcript, but are not included in GPA calculations.

III. Students who apply for Fresh Start must complete at least 2248 additional credits at Ramapo to fulfill degree requirements.

1. Fresh Start is applied immediately upon re-admission, and is applied to all course work earned prior to the semester of re-admission.
2. Students can only apply for one Fresh Start opportunity during the course of completion of the first baccalaureate degree.
3. Invocation of Fresh Start does not preclude students from using other available course-specific grade replacement options for work taken subsequent to re-enrollment.

VII. Forgiveness is only available for credits earned at RCNJ.

VIII. Students readmitted under Fresh Start are responsible for obtaining information about and understanding their individual financial aid eligibility.
IX. Once invoked, Fresh Start is a non-reversible process.