

# Academic Renewal- Undergraduate

*Academic Affairs*

## Academic Standards Policies

**Policy Owner:** Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

**Effective date:** May 14, 2026

**Approval date:** May 14, 2026

**Schedule for Review:** Spring 2031

### Policy Summary:

This policy provides undergraduate students who stopped out of Fort Lewis College with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) below 2.00, or who were academically separated, an opportunity to return to the College and complete a baccalaureate degree through the academic renewal process.

### Policy Statement:

#### I. Eligibility

An undergraduate student may apply for academic renewal if the student:

- Stopped out of Fort Lewis College with a cumulative GPA below 2.00, **or** academically separated; **and**
- Has not attended Fort Lewis College for at least six consecutive academic terms (e.g., Spring, Summer, Fall, Spring, Summer, Fall); **and**
- Is readmitted to Fort Lewis College following procedures established by the Director of Admission.

Students may be granted academic renewal **only once**.

#### II. Application and Timing

Students must be formally readmitted to Fort Lewis College in order to be eligible to petition for academic renewal. Petitions should be submitted to the Registrar's Office no later than **Census Day of the student's first term after readmission**.

#### III. Effects of Academic Renewal

If a petition for academic renewal is approved:

1. The student's academic transcript will include the notation "**ACADEMIC RENEWAL APPROVED**" with the date of approval.
2. All coursework completed prior to approval of academic renewal will remain visible on the academic transcript.
3. Grades earned in coursework completed prior to academic renewal will not be used in the calculation of the student's cumulative GPA.

4. Credits earned with a grade of **C- or higher** prior to renewal may be applied toward degree completion if permitted under the **Time Limits on Coursework Policy**.
5. Academic renewal applies only to Fort Lewis College. Other institutions may or may not recognize the action of academic renewal.

#### **IV. Academic Standing Following Renewal**

Students approved for academic renewal will have academic standing determined in accordance with the **Undergraduate Academic Standings Policy** starting at the end of their first semester following readmission.

Students granted academic renewal must complete a minimum of **30 credit hours after readmission** prior to being awarded a baccalaureate degree, even if all other degree requirements have been met.

#### **Responsibilities:**

**For following the policy:** Undergraduate Students

**For enforcement of the policy:** Registrar

**For oversight of the policy:** Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**For notification of the policy:** Registrar

**For procedures for implementing policy:** Policy Librarian

#### **Cross Referenced Policies:**

- [Time Limits on Coursework Policy](#)
- [Undergraduate Academic Standing Policy](#)

#### **Revision History:**

There is no institutional record of the original adoption date of the academic renewal policy.

- **2013:** Faculty Senate endorsed revisions to comply with CRS 23-1-125 (Student Bill of Rights), including reduced sit-out time and limitations to returning students at readmission.
- **2016:** Faculty Senate approved modifications allowing petitions to be submitted between admission and Census Day of the admission term.
- **2018:** Technical revisions clarified eligibility language and added the Census Day filing deadline.
- **2026:** Revised language to reflect terminology in current Undergraduate Academic Standings Policy, updated format to current FLC policy template, updated Academic Standing Following Renewal to reflect current Registrar practices, removed language indicating renewal applications would not be processed after Census Day of first term after readmission.