



TO: SUNY Cortland Faculty

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RE: SUNY Cortland Undergraduate Academic **Course Reset** Policy

The Educational Policy Committee (EPC) is proposing an Undergraduate Academic Course Reset Policy. If approved, this policy would not be implemented until the 2020/21 Academic year.

Rationale

To create a policy in line with other SUNY institutions (including SUNY Brockport, Fredonia, Oneonta, Oswego, Plattsburgh, Potsdam, Stony Brook and University at Buffalo) that allows students returning to SUNY Cortland, who may have experienced academic challenges, to remove the effect of previous unsatisfactory grades. This policy would enable them to come back in good academic standing and make satisfactory academic progress toward timely degree completion.

Undergraduate Academic Course Reset:

Academic Course Reset is intended to assist undergraduate students who have demonstrated personal growth and motivation to accomplish their educational goals and have been accepted for readmission on academic probation. **The goal of this policy is to assist undergraduate students in returning to good academic standing (2.0 overall GPA) by excluding up to 18 credits of D+ or below grades. All re-set grades will remain on the student's academic transcript and will be denoted as academic reset grades.** Credit will be lost for forgiven grades.

Eligibility:

- Once an undergraduate student has been accepted for readmission, they are eligible to be considered for Academic Course Reset.
- Undergraduate students who return to SUNY Cortland after a minimum of one calendar year (or two full semesters) away from campus are eligible to apply for Academic Course Reset.

Application and Review Process:

- Students must apply for readmission following currently established processes for readmission. Decisions on readmission remain the same.

- Application for Academic Course Reset will be a part of the readmit process. Students will indicate a request for Academic Course Reset, acknowledge financial aid implications, specify courses, and provide a statement indicating their motivation and intent for academic success.
- The respective associate dean will review the Academic Course Reset request as part of readmission.
- Once approved by the Associate Dean and Financial Aid, student will sign a final acceptance indicating the specific courses involved and understanding of financial aid implications.
- Academic Course Reset may be granted only once during a student's undergraduate career at SUNY Cortland.
- Deadlines will stay consistent with readmission dates for the college.

If granted Academic Course Reset the student will be made aware of any implications for financial aid, veteran's benefits, transferability, etc. that might impact their decision to enact Academic Course Reset. All course work will remain on the transcript with the notation "Academic Course Reset Granted". The student may also be encouraged or required as appropriate, to enroll in a 1-credit course to assist in re-acclimating to campus, further developing academic skills, creating an academic success plan, etc.