



ACADEMIC FRESH START AGREEMENT

This agreement is offered to applicable students who have met the eligibility criteria. The student's signature indicates understanding and agreement with the stipulations.

This contract is offered to: NAME: ID NUMBER: EFFECTIVE DATE:

- 1. I confirm that all information provided on the application for admission or readmission is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
2. I understand that my permanent academic record will retain all prior academic coursework. A statement will be entered on my record which reads: "Granted Academic Fresh State [DATE]" and that my academic summary statistics will reflect the changes made by the Academic Fresh Start.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS IRREVOCABLE AND TAKES EFFECT UPON MY REGISTRATION FOR COURSEWORK AT EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY.

I have read all of the above statements and agree to this irrevocable agreement.

PLEASE NOTE: If you choose to transfer to another institution, that institution may not accept Academic Fresh Start from another institution.

Signature: Student Date

Signature: Vice Provost for Enrollment Services Date

This agreement is valid only after the signature of the Vice Provost for Enrollment Services has been obtained.

Return the signed contract to: East Tennessee State University
Office of Admissions
PO Box 70731
Johnson City, TN 37614
(Physical location - ETSU Campus, Burgin Dossett Hall, Room 106)

ACADEMIC FRESH START

Academic Fresh Start is a plan of academic forgiveness available to transfer and readmission students who have a record of poor academic performance. Candidates may apply for Academic Fresh Start prior to admission or readmission as a degree-seeking student or at any time after enrollment by filing an application with the Office of Admissions, requesting the Academic Fresh Start.

ELIGIBILITY

1. A period of at least four years (48) months has elapsed since the candidate last attended a higher education institution.
2. The candidate has not previously been granted academic forgiveness according to this or a similar provision at any institution of higher education.
3. A student who has been granted Fresh Start in the past is not eligible for a second opportunity

PROCEDURE

Those meeting the above criteria must complete and file the Academic Fresh Start Agreement form and the appropriate application for admission.

1. The student's permanent academic record will remain a record of all course work and will include "Granted Academic Fresh Start" and the effective date. However, courses taken and previously failed will be excluded from the calculation of the GPA. Courses with a D grade will also be excluded from the GPA calculation and total credits earned when a C or better is required in the student's current major. The GPA and total credits earned will reflect all other courses for which passing grades are earned.
2. The current major will be considered the major the student has selected at the time the Academic Fresh Start is applied. Courses excluded from the GPA calculation will not be reviewed or reconsidered should the student change majors Academic Fresh Start has been applied.
3. Grades for courses transferred from other institutions will be included in the GPA and are subject to ETSU's policy on use of transfer courses in GPA calculations.
4. The application of retained credit toward degree requirements will be determined by the requirements in effect when the Academic Fresh Start is conferred. Specific program requirements must also be met.
5. Previously satisfied learning support placement requirements will not be forfeited upon conferral of an Academic Fresh Start. Academic Fresh Start applicants who did not satisfy learning support placement requirements at the time of previous enrollment must meet current learning support requirements.
6. ETSU will honor an academic forgiveness plan offered at another institution so long as it is clearly noted on the official transcript from the previous institution.
7. Students in Academic Fresh Start will be subject to ETSU's academic retention standards.
8. Academic Fresh Start does not alter financial aid requirements and regulations. Financial Aid requirements at the time of application will apply. Therefore, a Fresh Start applicant should check with his/her financial aid counselor for guidance.
9. Once applied, Academic Fresh Start is irrevocable.

Additional information is available from the Undergraduate Admissions Office at 423-439-4213.