

ACADEMIC FORGIVENESS

Academic forgiveness is the opportunity to start over with a new cumulative grade point average. It is designed specifically to help otherwise excellent students overcome previous poor semesters.

Academic forgiveness allows a student to be “forgiven” for one or more previous underperforming semesters. These grades would no longer apply to the student’s cumulative GPA.

A student can apply for academic forgiveness when:

- At least two full semesters have passed since the last semester to be forgiven; and
- The student has completed at least twelve (12) credits at LCOOC with a GPA of 2.0 or higher – with no failing grades since the last semester to be forgiven. In addition, the student must complete at least 2/3 of their credits attempted since the last semester to be forgiven.

If you are granted academic forgiveness, LCOOC will:

- Apply toward graduation those courses in which you earned a D or better.
- Apply toward your prerequisites and general degree requirements those courses in which you earned a D or better; and
- Determine your cumulative grade point average from the courses you have taken, excepting those specially forgiven.

A student cannot apply for Academic Forgiveness in a semester in which s/he is also applying for graduation.

The college maintains the official record of credits attempted at LCOOC. All original grades remain on the transcript, but all forgiven grades are specially denoted. Academic forgiveness can only be guaranteed to apply for LCOOC purposes; transfer baccalaureate/graduate programs and other colleges/universities may choose to disregard a declaration of academic forgiveness in determining your eligibility for admission purposes.

You may exercise this option only once in your academic career at LCOOC. All students requesting Academic Forgiveness must meet with the Director of Financial Aid before applying. If you are receiving GI Bill benefits, consult your Veterans Administration representative before electing this option. If you apply and receive Academic Forgiveness, you may have to repay the VA for past benefits you have received.