

The 2003-2004 IUSB Academic Affairs Committee recommends the following proposal for ratification by the Academic Senate:

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND ACADEMIC RENEWAL POLICY

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

IUSB has created this policy so as to establish an effective way to encourage capable, mature, undergraduate students to return to IUSB when they have been academically unsuccessful during an earlier attempt at higher education within the Indiana University system. This policy pertains only to undergraduate students who have not yet completed a bachelor's degree. Meant to apply campus-wide to all IUSB academic units, the academic renewal option spelled out in this document exists only on the IUSB campus and not on any other campus of Indiana University. Students who wish to apply for renewal should contact their respective academic units at the time of application for readmission. **If renewal is granted, all grades earned prior to the renewal will no longer be used in the calculation of the cumulative grade point average, which will be reset to zero.** Because modifications to the university's computer system would be necessary in order to reflect the changes made to students' records as a result of this policy, the renewal option would not presently be reflected on students' official transcripts. It is the intent of this policy that whenever such is possible, the grades replaced would appear on official transcripts but would not be calculated into the cumulative grade point average.

THE IUSB ACADEMIC RENEWAL POLICY

This policy takes effect in fall 2004. The academic renewal option discussed in this document is subject to the following considerations:

1. The IUSB academic renewal policy applies to any former IU student who 1) has not yet completed a bachelor's degree and 2) has not attended **any college** or university, including **any campus** of IU, for a minimum of the last three calendar years (36 months).
2. Academic renewal **applies to all IU course work taken prior to re-admission to IUSB.** A student seeking academic renewal may not exempt certain courses from the application of the renewal policy. Furthermore, this policy is inapplicable to any grades issued owing to academic dishonesty. As a precondition of any student's receiving academic renewal, the Registrar's Office will formally evaluate the student's record to identify any grades resulting from academic dishonesty.

3. Academic renewal may be invoked only once over the course of a student's academic career at IUSB.
4. **Because academic renewal is aimed at academically unsuccessful students**, the grade point average (GPA) for the period for which renewal is sought **ordinarily** must be lower than 2.0. **However, each academic unit may establish a higher GPA threshold if it chooses.**
5. The policy will be applied after a probationary period in which the student earns at least 12 credit hours with a minimum C+ grade point average in all courses attempted after resuming course work at Indiana University South Bend.
6. Academic renewal does not occur automatically: A student must apply for academic renewal, and the petition must be approved by the student's academic unit. **If the petition is approved, all grades earned prior to the renewal will no longer be used in the calculation of the cumulative GPA, which will be reset to zero. The GPA earned after academic renewal takes effect will be subject to each academic unit's rules regarding academic probation and dismissal.**
7. Although the grades in the courses to which academic renewal has been applied will not be considered in calculating the GPA, the courses themselves may still be used to satisfy credit-hour and degree requirements if the original grades earned meet the minimums specified by the individual academic units.
8. After the approval of the request for academic renewal, a student must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours **(including the 12-hour probationary period)** on the IUSB campus in order to meet the graduation residency requirement and must complete a minimum of 60 hours in order to merit graduation with academic distinction.
9. Invocation of the academic renewal option does not preclude a student's using other available, course-specific grade replacement options, **subject to each academic unit's rules and procedures and the conditions set out in the IUSB Grade Replacement Policy.**
10. Academic renewal is available only for courses taken at Indiana University. Each academic unit retains the right to consider records of performance from other universities in determining admission to the academic unit, the granting of honors and academic distinction, and other matters.

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