

Academic Forgiveness Policy for Undergraduate Students



Individuals who are applying for transfer admission or readmission to SMU and wish to enter under the guidelines established for Academic Forgiveness must indicate this at the time they apply for transfer or readmission. **Only applicants who have completed academic course work ten or more years prior to their anticipated entry term as stated on their current application may be considered for Academic Forgiveness.** Applicants may select the term at which Academic Forgiveness starts as long as it is ten or more years prior to the current term of application. Academic Forgiveness will apply to all courses taken during and prior to that term, which will result in the forfeiture of all credits earned during and prior to that term. Academic Forgiveness may not be applied to only some courses for a term or to only some terms within the forgiveness period.

Academic work done subsequent to ten years will be used in the evaluation of the admission process. If a student does not have course work subsequent to ten years, he or she will be considered for admission based on the guidelines for the new entering freshmen, which will require, among other things, an acceptable SAT or ACT score that has been completed within the past five years.

Forgiven academic work at SMU will remain on the permanent SMU record. Forgiven grades will be excluded from the grade point average and number of hours earned at SMU. The SMU transcript will have a notation beginning the semester of entry that the individual has been admitted under the Academic Forgiveness Policy and that course work and grades earned prior to this time are not computed in the GPA or used for degree credit.

The catalog that will be in effect for degree purposes, for a student electing to use Academic Forgiveness, will be the catalog of record at the time the student enters SMU under the Academic Forgiveness policy. A student will be allowed to take placement examinations for courses for which they previously had credit. All placement examinations will be handled in accordance with university placement and credit by exam policies.

Transfer applicants must provide official transcripts for all institutions attended, including those where all work may be forgiven.

STUDENT PETITION

I have read and I understand and agree to be governed by the above Academic Forgiveness Policy, and I am petitioning SMU to grant me Academic Forgiveness. I acknowledge that I will forfeit all credits earned during and prior to the designated term and I understand that once I accept the provisions of the Academic Forgiveness I may not revoke that decision as long as I am a student at SMU. I request Academic Forgiveness be granted effective with the following term(s):

Institution	Term (Fall, Spring, Summer, etc.)	Year

Legal Name

Last NameFirst NameMiddle/Maiden

Other Names

(If you previously attended school under a different name)

Date of Birth

Month / Day / Year

SMU ID# (If known)

Signature

Date