

## ACADEMIC CLEMENCY

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Act 1000 of 1991 describes academic clemency as a second opportunity for undergraduate students who performed poorly at some point in their studies and who wish to return to college after having gained a new appreciation of the benefits of higher education.

UA Cossatot allows students to apply for academic clemency in certain situations. Under the provisions of this clemency policy, students may petition to have previously earned grades and credits at UA Cossatot removed from the calculations of their cumulative grade point averages. If clemency is granted, those forgiven credits will not count toward graduation nor be calculated into the student's grade point average. Transcripts must contain the student's comprehensive academic record and these courses will show up on that transcript.

In order to qualify for academic clemency:

- A student must not have been enrolled in any institution of higher education for at least 3 years prior to the request. Under State Board of Higher Education guidelines, no post-secondary institution is required to honor academic clemency granted by another institution. However, students who receive academic clemency at UAC and plan to transfer should be allowed to petition for academic clemency under the provisions established by the receiving institution. Having been granted academic clemency at another institution does not preclude a student requesting academic clemency at UA Cossatot.
- Returning students may petition for clemency upon application for re-admission or upon enrollment.
- Clemency is granted on a semester-by-semester (consecutive or nonconsecutive) basis with all grades in a semester being eliminated. In some cases, it may serve a student better to retake some classes in which poor grades were earned, rather than to eliminate all previous credit from that semester.
- Academic Clemency clears only grades earned for the courses for which clemency is granted. The student's transcript is a comprehensive academic record, therefore, the original grades for the requested clemency semester will remain on the student's transcript but will not be used in the computation of the cumulative grade point average.
- A notation will be placed on the transcript to show that academic clemency has been granted. This information cannot be removed and will

become part of the student's permanent record.

- No credits for the requested clemency semester will count toward graduation requirements or be considered in future academic deliberations at UA Cossatot.
- For decisions regarding eligibility for financial aid, the College must still count all prior credits earned and attempted.
- Students must submit petition for academic clemency to the Vice Chancellor of Academics. Clemency petitions will not be accepted until all admission documentation is complete and there is no outstanding debt. Clemency may be granted only once per student.

HLC Criterion: 2.A

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**Policy History:**

September 12, 2022	January 12, 2015
January 8, 2018	January 1, 2011
July 10, 2017	July 30, 2001

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**ACADEMIC CLEMENCY REQUEST**

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## Academic Clemency Request

Students may request to have previously earned grades and credits removed from the calculations of their cumulative grade point average. If granted, forgiven credits will not count towards graduation but will remain on the comprehensive academic record and transcript.

Factors to Qualify:

- I have not been enrolled in any institution of higher education for at least three years prior to request
- I will submit this petition upon application or enrollment.
- I will provide all admission documentation and resolve any outstanding debt to UA Cossatot prior to petitioning for academic clemency.

*Please note additional documentation may be requested.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list semester (s) requesting academic clemency:

Please explain your request for academic clemency:

Submit your completed request to Ashley Aylett, [aaylett@cccua.edu](mailto:aaylett@cccua.edu) or UA Cossatot, ATTN: Ashley Aylett 183 College Drive, De Queen AR 71832

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**Procedure History:**

December 4, 2017

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