

**Admissions and Academic Affairs Committee**  
**Academic Forgiveness Policy – Draft (September 19, 2006)**

Preamble

The purpose of this policy is to establish an effective way to encourage capable, mature students to return to Indiana University East when they have achieved poorly during an earlier attempt at higher education within Indiana University. The spirit of the policy is to provide a fresh start for degree-seeking Indiana University students in the same way accorded to students who transfer into Indiana University East from other universities. This policy seeks to unify academic forgiveness among IU East's degree programs.

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy, an "enrollment period" is defined as a period of time during which a student was enrolled, with no more than 4 years separating any two consecutive terms of enrollment.

"Academic forgiveness" means that grades earned at any campus of Indiana University during all semesters prior to the student's current enrollment period will not be used in the computation of a student's undergraduate cumulative program grade point average at Indiana University East, nor will credit for such courses be used to satisfy any academic requirement. However, such grades will continue to appear on the student's official transcript.

"IU East Degree Program" means any degree program over which the faculty at Indiana University East has programmatic oversight. This excludes programs in system schools (e.g., Nursing, SPEA and Social Work).

Scope

Students who are enrolled in an IU East Degree Program may petition for academic forgiveness if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The student is currently enrolled as a degree-seeking undergraduate student in an IU East Degree Program.
2. The student has not applied for (or been granted) an undergraduate degree from any Indiana University campus.
3. The student has experienced a gap in enrollment for no less than five (5) years.
4. The student has since completed between 12 and 36 credit hours of graded course work and has passed all attempted courses (a grade of C or better, or an S).

An individual who has circumstances beyond the scope of the policy will be considered on an individual basis with the Admissions and Academic Affairs Committee making the final determination.

Students who have completed more than 24 credit hours at the time this policy takes effect may request academic forgiveness if their GPA in their current enrollment period is at least 2.0. These students must petition for academic forgiveness no later than two semesters after this policy takes effect. Students who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity must, in

addition to their petition for academic forgiveness, submit a degree-audit that reflects the effect of the forgiveness on the student's degree progress.

This Academic Forgiveness Policy applies to all IU East Degree Programs. Semesters forgiven at Indiana University East need not be forgiven at any other IU campus, or in non-IU East degree programs. Regardless of whether Academic Forgiveness has been granted, individual IU East Degree Programs may choose to count all courses and grades for purposes of admission to programs or granting of honors.

#### Use of Academic Forgiveness

Academic forgiveness may be invoked only once. Once granted, it cannot be revoked. Academic forgiveness will remove all forgiven coursework from consideration in IU East Degree Programs. Therefore, students should carefully consider whether to apply for academic forgiveness of entire semesters or selectively repeat individual courses and remove their grades using the Grade Replacement ("X") policy. Students must obtain their advisor's permission before exercising academic forgiveness.

#### Effect of Academic Forgiveness

**Grade Point Average:** Once academic forgiveness has been granted the student starts with a recalculated cumulative program GPA with no hours and no points from the forgiven period contributing to the cumulative program GPA. The rules of academic probation and suspension will apply based on the recalculated GPA.

**Forgiveness of "X"-ed courses:** Academic forgiveness removes all academic (but not disciplinary) consequences from coursework stemming from the forgiven semesters. The number of credit hours for which the "X" (or "FX") option has been applied will not include those courses for which this option had been exercised, but that have later been forgiven.

**Transcript:** A student's transcript should accurately reflect all of the student's academic work. Transcripts of students who exercised academic forgiveness will reflect all grades. A statement on the transcript will explain which grades have been excluded from the program GPA calculation.

#### Procedure:

The Indiana University East Office of the Registrar will set up a procedure consistent with this policy.

#### Effective date:

This policy becomes effective on the day it is passed by the Indiana University East Faculty Senate.