Academic Renewal

The University's Academic Renewal policy allows students previously dismissed from the university or former
students returning with a USF GPA below 2.00 to renew their pursuit of baccalaureate degrees without the
responsibility of having to overcome the entire burden of low grades and low grade-point-averages. To facilitate this
opportunity, students who qualify for Academic Renewal may, with the approval of the Academic Regulations
Committee and/or the Office of Undergraduate Studies, have portions of their academic record excluded from
calculation of their grade point averages (GPAs). The entire academic record, however, will continue to be reflected on
their transcripts even though a selected portion will not be counted in their GPAs. Academic Renewal students are
admitted with the same terms of academic probation and dismissal as other undergraduate students. Academic
Renewal will only be applied to a student’s academic record one time at USF.

Academic Renewal I (AR-I)

Students who have been academically dismissed or former students returning with a USF GPA below 2.00 may
petition the Academic Regulations Committee to return to the University under AR-I. A student will be considered for
reinstatement to the University under Academic Renewal I after completing all requirements for the Associate of Arts
degree or equivalent (including general education, and Gordon Rule requirements) at a two- or four-year college.
Academic Renewal I students will enter USF as juniors and their USF grade point average will be calculated from that
point forward. While AR-I is best utilized by students who have earned less than 60 credit hours, it is not restricted to
those students. Students with more than 60 credit hours returning to the University under AR-I will likely incur excess
hours and associated monetary penalty. In order to graduate following re-admission under AR-I, all degree
requirements must be met, and a minimum of 30 credit hours must be taken in residence at USF. Students who are
admitted under AR-I may be excluded from admission to limited access programs and will not be considered for
University Honors at graduation unless they meet the criteria using all grades earned.

Academic Renewal II (AR-II)

Academic Renewal II is available to students who were academically dismissed or former students returning with a
USF GPA below 2.00 and have 60 or more earned credits from USF or other institutions of higher education. These
students will be considered for reinstatement to the University under Academic Renewal II, if they are able to provide
convincing evidence indicating they are likely to be successful.

Generally, such students will have been engaged in successful, non-academic activities such as work or military
service for at least one year or will have demonstrated recent academic success defined minimally as the completion of
at least 12 semester hours with a GPA greater than or equal to 2.00, no grades below C, and no course withdrawals.

In order to be considered for readmission under AR-II, students must submit a request to the Office of Undergraduate
Studies Academic Renewal Committee or equivalent USF System Institution or campus committee, who will, in
consultation with the College of the student’s intended major, make a final decision regarding the readmission.

Following readmission under Academic Renewal II, students will have their prior USF GPA set to 2.00. In order to
graduate, students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 and at least 30 USF credit hours with grades of C or higher,
including a minimum of 15 USF credits earned following readmission under AR-II. Students readmitted under AR-II
may be excluded from admission to limited access programs. Further, students who exercise the Academic Renewal II
policy will not be considered for University Honors at graduation unless they meet the criteria using all grades earned.