Academic Second Opportunity

A student who has been separated from The University of Alabama for at least three academic years may petition the dean of his or her college to apply for readmission through Academic Second Opportunity. The petition must be received in the dean’s office prior to the last day of class for the semester in which the student returns to the University. If the petition is approved, the student will be readmitted regardless of previous scholastic performance, unless separation from the University resulted from academic misconduct. In cases of academic misconduct, readmission will be reviewed by the academic dean (or his or her designee) for the school or college in which readmission is sought.

If the application for Academic Second Opportunity is accepted, all previous academic work remains on the student’s permanent record, but the grades for previous work are not used in computing the grade point average. Grades of C or higher earned during previous college attendance are computed as "passing hours" (P) and may be applied to major program, distribution and graduation requirements. Grades of D earned during previous college attendance may not be applied to major program, distribution or graduation requirements. The student pursues his or her academic program with no University of Alabama or higher education grade point average, and thereafter is subject to the conditions of warning, probation and dismissal that govern all students. Once invoked, Academic Second Opportunity cannot be revoked and it may be awarded only once and may not be awarded retroactively. Students who are awarded Academic Second Opportunity are excluded from candidacy for the Latin honors designations of cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude. These honors may also be referred to as University Honors.

A student who has a degree from another institution but was previously a student at UA or who has a degree from UA is not eligible for consideration.