

Academic Forgiveness Policy

Background:

Many faculty and administrators have indicated the need for a policy that would allow students who attended County College of Morris in the past, and who had very poor academic records, to resume their studies at the College with a “clean slate.” The primary argument offered to the Academic Standards Committee was that an immature student fresh from high school who fares poorly in their classes very often becomes a mature, goal-oriented student who is eager to pursue serious study. Such a student should be afforded an opportunity to resume their academic career without being penalized for a long-standing record that does not reflect their present determination to succeed.

Recommendations:

1. Any student, full or part-time, may declare academic forgiveness once in their career at County College of Morris.
2. There must be a five-year interim between the time a student takes their last course and the time they becomes eligible to declare academic forgiveness, and resume their career at CCM.
3. The student’s “old” record is retained, with “forgiveness policy applies” indicated on the official transcript. There must be a clear and distinct separation from the old record and the new.
4. The forgiveness policy will be printed on the back of the official transcript.
5. Total forgiveness includes all courses taken during the student’s first affiliation with the College. There is no “selective forgiveness.” Forgiveness includes the student’s entire record.
6. There is no minimum number of credits required before a student is eligible to declare academic forgiveness.

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