

Fresh Start Policy:

At the discretion of the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, a student whose college career has been interrupted three or more years may be considered for a “**Fresh Start.**” Under this option, the Office of the Registrar initiates a new GPA for the student, beginning with his or her second matriculation, and uses this new figure for graduation purposes. Each case is decided on its own merits, and each decision has advantages and disadvantages. Students returning to the University for full or part-time study after a long interval should consult the Office of Admissions.

Students interested in pursuing the Fresh Start Policy must adhere to the following guidelines:

- At least three academic years shall have intervened between the exit from and re-entry to CCSU.
- The student shall not have attempted more than 60 credits at CCSU.
- The student’s record will be treated like that of a transfer student. (This means that if the student has earned grades below a C- at CCSU before being granted a Fresh Start, grades will not count toward their graduation requirements.)
- During the first semester back at CCSU, the student shall be restricted to 16 credits or less.
- Graduation requirements shall be those listed in the catalog at the time of re-entry NOT the student’s original matriculation date.
- The option can be used only once.

Procedures:

- A counselor will make Fresh Start option available to the student after review of their academic record and the counselor feels the Fresh Start option is warranted.
- A Fresh Start request form must be signed and dated by the student in the presence of an Admissions Counselor. (*See attached form*)
- A student who wishes to participate in the Fresh Start program must submit to the Admissions Counselor a formal letter asking permission to participate. The letter should include:
 - Summary of events supporting the academic record during the student’s previous attendance at CCSU. Any supporting documents outlining the unusual circumstances (personal, emotional, medical, financial) should be included.
 - Any transcripts from other colleges or recommendation letters from employers that support the student’s development and successes from the time the student departed from CCSU.
 - A statement of the projected benefits if allowed back into the University under provisions of the Fresh Start Program.
- Upon receipt of the requested information, the Admissions Counselor will forward their recommendation (positive or negative) as well as all supporting documents to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs for consideration.
- Once the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs has made a decision, the Admissions Counselor is notified and will proceed with the application process to notify the student of the University’s decision.



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Guidelines

- A. At least three academic years shall have intervened between exit from Central and re-Entry at Central.
Last Semester Enrolled at CCSU: _____ Requested Re-entry Date: _____
- B. The Student shall not have attempted more than 60 semester hours at Central.
Number of semester hours attempted at CCSU: _____

Policy

To the student: Please read the following completely before signing

- 1. I understand that records will be treated as that of any transfer student. (This means that if you have Earned grades below a "C-" at CCSU before being granted Fresh Start, grades will not count toward your graduation requirements.)
- 2. During the first semester back on campus, I will be restricted to 16 semester hours or less.
- 3. My graduation requirements shall be those in the catalog in force at the time of my re-entry not my original matriculation date.
- 4. I will not be able to use the Fresh Start option again.

I have read and understand all of the above policies with regard to my application to the Fresh Start Program, and I agree to comply with them if granted "Fresh Start."

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Recommendation of Fresh Start Counselor:

Signature: _____

Reactivation form or application for admission submitted

For Office Use Only

Approved Not Approved

Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: _____