1. PURPOSE

This PS states University of Houston - Downtown (UHD) policy regarding the granting of academic amnesty.

2. POLICY / PROCEDURES

2.1 Eligibility

A student returning to UHD after a minimum of a two-year absence may petition the Dean of Advising and Mentoring for application of the academic amnesty policy. The student must not have attended UHD for the two-year period immediately preceding his/her return to UHD. The student must also complete 24 semester credit hours with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 following readmission to UHD.

2.2 Effect

If academic amnesty is granted, all courses with grades of “F” or "D" earned prior to readmission are ignored in applying credit toward fulfillment of degree requirements and in future computations of the student's grade point average. The amnesty provision applies only to the application of credit toward a degree and computation of the student's grade point average. No grades on the student's permanent record are altered or deleted.

2.3 Academic Amnesty for Graduate Students

Graduate students who have been dismissed and wish to return to UHD after a minimum of a two-year absence may petition the Graduate Program Director for readmission under the academic amnesty policy. The student must not have attended UHD for the two-year period immediately preceding his/her return to UHD. See PS 03.A.07, the Probation and Suspension Policy (section 3.6)

4. PROCEDURES

See Section 3 for Procedures.

5. EXHIBITS

There are no exhibits associated with this policy.

6. REVIEW PROCESS
Responsible Party (Reviewer): Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Review: Every three years on or before May 1st

Signed original on file in Employment Services and Operations.

7. POLICY HISTORY

Issue #1: 08/11/1981
Issue #2: 11/15/1993
Issue #3: 06/22/2015

8. REFERENCES

PS 03.A.07, the Probation and Suspension Policy