

Memo To: All UH-Downtown/PS Holders UH-Downtown/PS 03.A.08  
Issue No. 6  
From: Dr. Juan Sánchez Muñoz, President Effective Date: 04/27/2020  
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Subject: Interim Undergraduate Academic Amnesty Policy

## 1. PURPOSE

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

## 2. DEFINITIONS

There are no definitions associated with this policy statement.

## 3. POLICY

- 3.1 An undergraduate student who was dismissed from UHD may petition the dean of University College for application of the academic amnesty policy. The student must not have attended UHD for the two-year period immediately preceding application for amnesty to return to UHD. For consideration of amnesty, a student must provide a statement of personal commitment to academic success. An undergraduate student readmitted under the academic amnesty policy will return as a declared major in the BS Interdisciplinary Studies program. After readmission, students may apply to change their major once they meet the college major declaration requirements for the intended major. A student who returns under academic amnesty must maintain a term GPA of 2.0 for the first 24 hours taken; if the GPA falls below 2.0 within that period, PS 3.A.08 will not apply, and the student will be permanently dismissed from UHD, and is not eligible for amnesty.
- 3.2 If readmitted through academic amnesty and the student attains a 2.5 GPA in the 24 credit hours after readmission, 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 students 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 students permanent record are altered or deleted.

## 4. PROCEDURES

Procedures for this policy are imbedded in the Policy section.

## 5. REVIEW PROCESS

Responsible Party (Reviewer): Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Review: This policy is valid for one year from the date of issue.

Signed original on file in Employment Services and Operations.

## 6. POLICY HISTORY

Issue #1: 08/11/81

Issue #2: 11/15/93

Issue #3: 06/22/15

Issue #4: 04/11/17

Issue #5: 05/23/18

## 7. REFERENCES

PS 03.A.07 Undergraduate Academic Probation & Suspension