

-FRESH START PROGRAM FOR FRESHMEN-

If you have a cumulative GPA below 2.00 and less than 30 semester credits completed toward graduation, you may qualify for the Fresh Start Program.

How you can improve your GPA:

Attend another institution and transfer a minimum of 24 semester credits (or 36 quarter credits) of transferable course work to UNC with a minimum GPA of 2.5. These credits may not include any transferred credits taken after you have returned to UNC. Remember, credits from other schools are eligible for transfer to UNC; however, grades earned at another school do not affect your UNC GPA. GPA does not transfer.

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Attend an appointment and fill out an application in the College Transition Center in your first semester returning to UNC. If you achieve a 2.5 GPA on your first, consecutive twelve credits, your prior UNC GPA will be recalculated, and formerly earned grades of "F" and "D" will no longer be used in the calculation of your GPA (except for determining graduation with honors). All formerly earned D's or F's will remain on your transcript.

Important things to know about Fresh Start for Freshmen:

- To apply, you must meet all the requirements of Fresh Start listed above. A 2.5 GPA for 24 semester credits (or 36 quarter credits) must be transferred from another institution, and a 2.5 GPA must be achieved in your first 12 consecutive credits back at UNC. Your GPA will not be recalculated until you have attained both levels of performance. This may take one or more semesters to achieve.
- After you meet the Program requirements, formerly earned grades of "D"/ "F" will no longer be used in calculating your cumulative UNC GPA. Only grades of "A," "B," and "C" will be used in the calculation of the cumulative GPA. Grades of "S" will count for credit.
- All formerly earned D's or F's will remain on your transcript, and are affected by Fresh Start – you cannot choose which are used in recalculation. Grades of "D" that will no longer be calculated in your GPA will no longer count for credit towards graduation. You may need to take one or more classes again in order to fulfill General Education, major or minor requirements.
- The conditions of good standing, probation, and suspension that govern all students remain in effect.
- You must attend a meeting with a CTC advisor in regard to your Fresh Start status in the first six weeks of the semester you return to UNC.

- To determine graduation with honors, all UNC credits will be used in the calculation of the cumulative GPA.
- Some academic departments do not accept Fresh Start toward meeting their admission requirements for certain majors. Check with the academic department to determine if Fresh Start is accepted.
- Original catalog requirements (General Education, major/minor requirements) are not affected by Fresh Start.
- Transfer credits will be accepted following the normal admission criteria.
- Fresh Start can only be applied to your academic record once. Once invoked, the Fresh Start Program cannot be revoked.
- If planning to transfer to another institution, be aware that many schools recalculate a students' GPA to account for all classes taken at previous institutions.
- You cannot utilize Grade Forgiveness and Fresh Start.
- Fresh Start does not guarantee re-admission to UNC if you have been suspended.
- Students who have been suspended from the University twice are not eligible for Fresh Start. A second suspension is a permanent suspension from future enrollment at UNC.

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