

## **-FRESH START FOR RETURNING STUDENTS**

This program is designed for students who have not attended UNC for a minimum of five years and got off to a poor start academically. To qualify, you need to have grades of “C-“, “D+”, “D”, “D-“, and “F” that are five calendar years old or older based on the most recently completed semester at UNC. You cannot have taken courses at UNC within those five years. To have these grades removed from your GPA the earliest you can return to UNC is five years from your last semester of enrollment. For example, if you have grades from fall 2001, the earliest you can return and have those grades removed is fall 2006.

### **How you can improve your GPA:**

Once an application is completed at the Office of Academic Support and Advising, your UNC GPA will be recalculated. Grades of “F” and “D” that are five years old and older will no longer be used in the calculation of your UNC 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 Returning Students:**

- Formerly earned grades of “C-”, “D+”, “D”, “D-” or “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 “C-”, “D+”, “D”, “D-” or “F” will remain on your transcript, and are affected by Fresh Start – you cannot choose which are used in recalculation. Grades of “D+”, “D”, “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.
- 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.