

Application for Fresh Start

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Fresh Start Policy

The Fresh Start Policy (FSP) provides a student who left Ulster (without completing an academic program) an opportunity to return and start again with a new grade-point average (GPA). FSP is an option for students who have not taken any course work at Ulster for at least two academic years and whose past academic performance is below standard. Students are strongly advised to consult with Admissions and Financial Aid prior to making a decision about participating in Fresh Start and are urged to carefully consider the appropriateness of Fresh Start for them.

The FSP student will retain previous credit that was completed with a grade of C- or better that can be applied to the requirements of the student's current academic program. However, no grades or quality points earned from these courses will be applied to the student's new GPA although these courses and their corresponding grades will remain on the transcript. The College may allow up to six credits of D+, D, and D- work (as general

electives only) from the student's previous courses when the inclusion of that work will allow the GPA for course work being accepted under FSP to be 2.0 or higher. Only quality points earned from the courses taken after readmission under FSP will apply to the student's new GPA. Also, only those courses taken after readmission will count toward the student's eligibility for Dean's list and other honors.

The eligible student will be granted FSP officially only after completion of 12 new credits with a GPA of 2.0 or higher in courses approved by the Dean for Student Development. Therefore, to be eligible for the degree, the student must take at least 18 additional credits at Ulster for a minimum of 30 credits after readmission. The FSP student who wishes to obtain a one-year diploma must complete a total of 15 credits after readmission.

Application for FSP must be made at the time of readmission and can be made only once during the student's academic career at Ulster. Once granted, FSP may not be revoked nor

may the student apply for any other transcript modifications.

Financial Aid Implications for Fresh Start

Students considering FSP must understand that, in some cases, a student's financial aid opportunities can be adversely affected. Financial aid can only be awarded to students taking courses that apply toward their declared program of study. Courses do not apply when they are taken for an audit grade; repeated when the course has already been successfully completed (once a student is approved for FSP and he or she has successfully completed 12 credits, new graduation requirements may be determined by the Admissions Office); not applicable to the current degree requirements.

All students are strongly encouraged to meet with a Financial Aid counselor to review financial aid opportunities before and after the completion of the FSP requirements.

Application Procedures

If you would like to be considered for FSP, you must:

- 1) Complete and submit an Application for Readmission;
- 2) completely familiarize yourself with FSP and consult with Admissions and Financial Aid Counselors to determine the appropriateness of this option for you;
- 3) submit official copies of all outstanding academic transcripts and any transcripts from institutions attended since leaving Ulster; and
- 4) complete the information as requested below.

NOTE: In some instances you will be notified that an interview is required.

Name: _____ Former Name(s): _____

Student ID Number: _____

I plan to resume my studies: Year _____ Fall Spring I plan to attend: Full Time Part Time

Please tell us your reasons for selecting the Fresh Start option (Use additional sheets of paper if needed)

Once you have completed the application process, your materials will be reviewed by the Admissions Office and the Dean for Student Development. You will be notified in writing of their determination.

I have read and fully understand all of the implications of the Fresh Start Policy

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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