

Fresh Start Petition

Read the [Fresh Start](#) policy located under “Credits & Grades” in the Montana State University catalog.

Please reach out to the Registrar’s Office before initiating this process.

Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____

Curriculum: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Date(s) of prior enrollment at Montana State University Bozeman: _____

Cumulative GPA of prior academic work at Montana State University Bozeman: _____

Date of re-enrollment at Montana State University Bozeman: _____

Number of credits completed since re-enrollment: _____

Cumulative GPA of current academic work since re-enrollment: _____

Previous Name (if applicable): _____

I understand and agree that when my Fresh Start GPA begins all previous grades, I have petitioned at Montana State University Bozeman will be excluded from GPA calculations.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

A Return this completed form with signatures to:

Office of the Registrar
Montana State University-Bozeman
111 Montana Hall
P.O. Box 172660
Bozeman, MT 59717-2660

Fresh Start Policy

Former Montana State University undergraduates who return to the University after an absence of two calendar years or more may petition to begin a new cumulative Fresh Start GPA. The process is as follows:

1. Re-enroll in MSU and complete a minimum of twelve credits of academic study with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in the new coursework.
2. During the semester immediately following completion of part 1, submit a Fresh Start petition for review by the Graduation and Admissions Requirements Committee (GARC). Petitions must be submitted to GARC in the semester immediately after the successful completion of 12 credits following a return from an absence of 2 or more years.
3. GARC will review the petition and inform the student of its decision. The decision of GARC is final.
4. Upon GARC approval, cumulative GPA will be recalculated to include only coursework grades earned after re-enrollment in MSU. No grades attained prior to re-enrollment can be included in the new cumulative Fresh Start GPA. However, all credits earned will apply towards the student's graduation requirements.

Students who participate in Fresh Start can expect the following:

1. Participation in Fresh Start will be recorded on the student transcript.
2. Cumulative GPA can be reset only once using the Fresh Start Policy.
3. All courses taken at MSU with their corresponding credits and grades will remain on the student transcript, including those earned prior to re-enrollment.
4. All academic standings on the student transcript will be retained and the determination of future academic standings will be based on the entire academic record at MSU.
5. Students will be directed to their academic college and the Office of Return to Learn to receive additional guidance to promote good academic standing and potential scholarship opportunities.