



Senate Bill 1321 entitles resident of the state of Texas to seek admission to public institutions of higher education without consideration of courses undertaken ten or more years prior to enrollment.

The bill has been called the “right to an academic fresh start” and it gives students the option of electing to have course work taken ten or more years prior to the starting date of the semester, in which the applicant seeks to enroll either counted as usual or ignored for admission purposes.

Applicants who elect to apply for admission under this law and who are admitted as students may not receive any courses credit for courses undertaken ten or more years prior to enrollment.

The College seeks to provide a supportive and challenging environment in which the student can improve their basic intellectual skills and equip them for a fulfilling life and responsible citizenship in a world characterized by change.

In order to enhance that potential for academic success, the College has established the “fresh start” program.

PROCEDURES

The “Academic Fresh Start” option permits forgiveness or previously recorded substandard academic performances which may not be reflective of a student’s current academic ability.

The “fresh start” procedures will permit previously recorded substandard course work to be disregarded in the computation of the college grade point averages (GPA).

In order to qualify for “fresh start” status all of the following conditions must be met:

1. A student must submit a written petition to the office of the Director of Admission requesting that all course work undertaken ten or more years prior to the enrollment is disregarded.
2. A student may be granted “fresh start” status only once at this institution.
3. If and when the petition is granted, the student’s permanent record will be annotated so that it is readily evident to all users of the record that no credit for work taken during the specified semester(s), even if satisfactory, will apply toward graduation, evaluation, residency or for any other purpose. However, all credits will remain legible on the permanent record to ensure a true and complete academic history.
4. Students approved for “fresh start” are not authorized to pick and choose course work which will be disregarded. All credits to include transfer and non-transfer awarded credit will be disregarded if they were earned ten or more years prior to the starting date of the semester in which “fresh start” status was approved.
5. Student is responsible for notifying Veteran’s and Student Financial Services Offices since benefits may also be affected.
6. All official transcripts should be on file.

Further information can be obtained through the office of the Director of Admissions.

Request For Academic Fresh Start Status



ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT
Palo Alto College

I am formally requesting that all course work which I attempted ten or more years prior to this date be disregarded for any purposes associated with accumulation of credit or grade point average.

I have read and understand the Academic Fresh Start Policy Statement and realize that all course work completed at all colleges and universities, and all evaluated credit awarded, if applicable, cannot be utilized, if my petition is approved.

I understand that it will be necessary to repeat any and all course pre-requisites or degree requirements.

Finally, I understand that I can apply only once for Academic Fresh Start at the college. I cannot later request that it be revoked. Recognition of my Academic Fresh Start Status may not be recognized by private or out of state institutions.

If approved, I understand that the following statement will be posted on my college transcript:

ACADEMIC FRESH START COURSE WORK COMPLETED PRIOR TO _____ IS NOT CALCULATED IN GRADE POINT AVERAGE.

Social Security Number

Printed Student Name

Telephone number

Home Address

School Attended: _____

Dates Attended: _____

School Attended: _____

Dates Attended: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

PROCESSED

Admissions Representative Signature

Date: _____