
Name: Student ID#:
(First and Last Name)

Academic Program: Campus:

UMass Global's Academic Fresh Start policy allows an **UNDERGRADUATE** applicant to apply for admission and request that UMass Global ignore all academic and military coursework earned 10 or more years prior to the date of the trimester for which the applicant seeks admission. An applicant who elects to take advantage of Academic Fresh Start cannot select the course credits or grades that are to be eliminated from consideration. All course grades or credits must be excluded.

To apply using the Academic Fresh Start policy an applicant must sign this Fresh Start Acknowledgement Form as a part of the admission process. Coursework taken within 10 years prior to the date of admission must meet current admission requirements. This coursework cannot be ignored. A minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in college-level coursework taken within 10 years of the date of admission is required for formal acceptance into an undergraduate degree program. An applicant should carefully review the information provided on this form and make sure that the terms of the agreement are understood. If the applicant agrees to the provisions, the applicant signs the acknowledgment form and submits it to the UMass Global Office of Admission. All documents required to complete the application for admission must also be submitted.

Even though the academic coursework will not be included in the admission evaluation, official transcripts from all former and military institutions attended must be submitted prior to admission review, including coursework completed 10 or more years prior to the dates of admission.

A former UMass Global student who applies for readmission may elect Academic Fresh Start at the time of reapplication to UMass Global. **Students admitted or readmitted under the Academic Fresh Start policy may elect to use the provisions of this program** at UMass Global only at the point of admission or readmission.

UMass Global coursework ignored for admission purposes under Academic Fresh Start will remain on the student's official UMass Global academic transcript. A notation recorded on the transcript will identify those courses eliminated by Fresh Start. Fresh Start courses cannot be used to fulfill UMass Global degree requirements or to remove any other existing deficiencies.

The student must recognize that admission to UMass Global via the Fresh Start policy is a binding decision. Once a student has requested this option and admission action has been taken by the university, it may not be revoked. A student's Fresh Start status and the **Fresh Start policies cannot be petitioned or appealed**. In addition, because no credit is being claimed for coursework ignored through the Fresh Start admission process, prerequisite coursework may need to be retaken.

Academic Fresh Start is a UMass Global policy that applies only to admission decisions and does not override federal regulations. **Federal regulations concerning financial aid are not affected by Academic Fresh Start. The applicant is advised that the federal government provides Federal Pell Grants for up to 12 semesters of full-time attendance or the equivalent. There are also lifetime borrowing limits for student loans.** If you have received federal financial aid at a previous school, **you can learn of your remaining eligibility by going to www.nslids.ed.gov and clicking on "Financial Aid Review."** Please confer with your academic advisor to develop an educational plan that best aligns with your financial funding. A One Stop Specialist can further assist with your financial questions.

- I understand and accept** the provisions of the Academic Fresh Start Policy as described above.
- I acknowledge** that I will not receive any credit for academic or military work earned 10 or more years prior to the date of admission.
- I certify** that I have provided a complete and accurate record of my academic history.
- I understand** that this action cannot be revoked.
- I agree** to all the provisions listed above.

Signature:

Date:

Note: Digital signature is acceptable if form is submitted via the email address listed on your application for admission or your UMass Global student email account (@mail.umassglobal.edu)

Please submit the complete form directly to apply@umassglobal.edu