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:
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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 and credits I have petitioned at Montana State University Bozeman will be excluded and cannot be used, ever, for any purpose.

Student Signature:  Date:
____________________________________________________  _______________________

Advisor Signature:  Date:
____________________________________________________  _______________________

Assistant Dean Signature:  Date:
____________________________________________________  _______________________

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

A former Montana State University undergraduate who returns to the University after a minimum absence of five years will have the opportunity to petition to begin a new cumulative (or Fresh Start) GPA as follows:

1. After returning to Montana State University, a student must complete thirty credits of academic study with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for the new course work before petitioning for a Fresh Start GA.
2. A student who is eligible for a Fresh Start GPA must petition for a new cumulative GPA during the semester following that in which he or she meets the requirements stated in #1.
3. A student may begin a Fresh Start GPA only once.
4. Student petitions will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Admission and Graduation Requirements Board. The decisions of the Board will be final.
5. When the new GPA is started, all previous grades and credits earned at Montana State University are excluded; it is not possible to select some grades and credits to exclude while retaining others. Only Montana State University grades and credits will be excluded.
6. The new GPA begins the first semester when the students is re-enrolled. The transcript will state that a new GPA has been started. The old grades will remain on the transcript. Although old credits will appear on the transcript, they may not be used to fulfill any University requirements.

Students wishing to petition for a Fresh Start GPA should contact the Registrar’s Office to initiate the process.