



Policy Name:	Begin Again (Academic Forgiveness) Policy					
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Jones College's (College) Begin Again process is a form of Academic Forgiveness and is intended to help students who were less than successful in their past academic studies at the College. If permission is granted the student will have their past academic work at Jones removed from their Grade Point Average (GPA) calculation.

Conditions for Begin Again

1. The student must complete a request for Begin Again submitted to the Registrar.
2. The student must not have been enrolled for five consecutive years (60 months).
3. Any student who has received a degree from Jones College may not participate in the Begin Again program if any hours that applied toward the degree would be affected.
4. Begin Again may be declared only one time.
5. The student must not have any past due balance with the Business Office.

Considerations

Students should consider the following when deciding if the Begin Again program is beneficial for their specific situation. While the normal grading scheme used at Jones allows a student to repeat a course with only the higher grade being calculated in the GPA there may be occasions when a student returns to the college under a different program of study and repeating past courses may not be in the student's best interest. The Begin Again program will affect ALL courses removed from the student's GPA prior to a term of the student's choice. A student cannot pick and choose which courses to be affected. The student should consider that all past courses with grades will remain on the transcript with the note of "Not For GPA" indicated under each course. Even courses with passing grades will be marked in this manner and the semester hours awarded for the course will be removed and no longer applied towards the student's degree. Any changes made to the GPA or transcript will not affect the financial aid status of the student as all grades are considered for financial aid purposes. A student should also be aware that any college/university receiving the record may calculate the GPA using their own policies.

Request for Jones College Begin Again

Jones College encourages the enrollment of previous students who have decided to continue their education. For students whose grades were inadequate during previous enrollment, Jones College's *Begin Again* is a way to dismiss previous grades from consideration when computing the grade point average (GPA) at Jones.

Begin Again requirements:

1. The student must complete a request for *Begin Again* and submit it to the registrar. *Begin Again* may be declared only one time.
2. The student must not have been enrolled for five consecutive years (60 months).
3. Federally funded financial aid may still be based on old grades. *Begin Again* GPA calculations are for JCJC academic matters only.
4. The student will not be allowed to specify the grades that will be forgiven. **NO grades** prior to the initial *Begin Again* semester will be counted for graduation or grade point average calculations. All grades will remain on the transcript with a special notation for forgiven grades.
5. Student must enroll and complete one successful semester at Jones before *Begin Again* calculations will take effect.
6. Other colleges or universities may not honor the *Begin Again* GPA. Please check with individual institutions for their policies.
7. A student who has received a degree or certificate is not eligible for *Begin Again*.
8. The registrar is responsible for providing the necessary interpretations on questions not expressly answered in this policy.

I have read the *Begin Again* policy and wish for all grades and credit prior to (term)
_____ to no longer be applied toward my Grade Point Average or graduation.

Student's signature _____ Date _____

Student's printed name _____

Students ID Number or Social Security Number _____

Registrar's signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form to:
Jones College Registrar
900 South Court Street
Ellisville, MS 39437
Or fax to: 601-477-4258