

Academic Scholarship Renewal Criteria Guide for Academic Advisors

*** The following renewal criteria apply only to University-Wide Academic Scholarships, including the Chancellor's, Honors College Academy, University, Silas Hunt, and Non-Resident Tuition Award. Departmental Awards and Outside Scholarships each have their own renewal criteria and procedures. ***

All University-Wide Academic Scholarships have two renewal components: cumulative hours and cumulative GPA.

Students must be enrolled full-time (12 hours) in order to receive their scholarship for that term. If a student needs to be in fewer than 12 hours for any reason, he/she must contact the Academic Scholarship Office.

Chancellor's, Honors College Academy, University, and Silas Hunt Scholarships: require 30 cumulative hours each year and a 3.0 cumulative GPA. For example, a Chancellor's recipient will need 30 hours at the end of the first year, 60 hours at the end of the second year, and 90 hours at the end of the third year.

Summer Credits: Students who do not meet renewal criteria by the end of the spring term may use the summer to make up hours and/or GPA as needed. Details regarding summer options are on the back of this page.

Renewal Timeline: The vast majority of students must meet renewal criteria at the end of the spring term in order to renew for the following academic year. A few students have gotten out of sequence, by using a scholarship in the summer or by deferring a scholarship for a semester. If students think they are in this "split semester" group, they can contact Dovie Johnson (doviej@uark.edu) to be sure.

Non-Resident Tuition Award and Alumni Legacy Scholarship: require 24 cumulative hours each year and a 3.0 cumulative GPA. For example, a NRTA recipient will need 24 hours at the end of the first year, 48 hours at the end of the second year, and 72 hours at the end of the third year.

Summer Credits: Beginning with the 2006-2007 academic year, the NRTA and Alumni Legacy scholarships automatically include summer terms. That is, students with these awards may take UA-Fayetteville summer courses at the in-state rate.

Renewal Timeline: All students on the NRTA or Alumni Legacy Scholarship must meet renewal criteria by the end of the summer in order to renew for the following academic year.

Transfer, CLEP, study abroad and AP credits: In alignment with Registrar's Office policies, these credits are considered to be hours taken and thus count toward the hours requirements for scholarship renewal. However, also in accordance with Registrar's Office policies, these credits are not given consideration in the UA-Fayetteville GPA. These grades are not considered for scholarship renewal purposes.

Fifth Year: Only students in the Architecture and MAT programs are eligible for a fifth year. These are the only university-approved 5-year programs. The student must contact the Academic Scholarship Office to arrange for the 5th year.

Questions? Feel free to contact Amy Martindale (5-2227 or amylee@uark.edu) or Bryan Hembree (5-4464 or hembree@uark.edu).

Summer Credits and Academic Scholarships

1) Courses taken on the UA-Fayetteville campus will count toward cumulative hours and cumulative GPA. Courses taken in any summer session are applicable to the previous academic year.

2) UA-Fayetteville independent study courses, through the School of Continuing Education, will also count toward cumulative hours and cumulative GPA.

*Information regarding independent study may be found at <http://www.uacted.uark.edu/CreditStudies/csIndependentStudy/indepcourses.asp>. Some courses, such as Composition I and II, Microeconomics and Calculus I are available online. Others, such as Cultural Anthropology, General Psychology and History of the American People are completed by mail. There are more than 100 independent study courses available.

*Independent Study courses are eligible for the Grade Forgiveness program, providing that the 4-digit course number is identical to the original course.

*The School of Continuing Education requires at least 6 weeks for completion of a 3-credit course. Additional policies limit the number of assignments that may be submitted per week. Also, all course materials must be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to a grade being posted in ISIS. The Office of Academic Scholarships must see the grade in ISIS before it can be considered for scholarship purposes. Thus, we recommend starting an independent study course *no later* than June 1st, if the student intends for the credit and grade to apply to the previous academic year for scholarship renewal purposes.

*If the student intends to use financial aid to pay for the independent study course, he/she must contact the Independent Study Office for specific guidelines.

*The student must contact the Office of Academic Scholarships if he/she intends to use more than one independent study course for scholarship renewal purposes.

3) Courses taken at any other university, including other UA System campuses, will count toward cumulative hours, but not toward cumulative GPA.

*The Registrar's Office website, <http://www.uark.edu/registrar/>, will allow the student to search for course equivalencies. The site works only in Internet Explorer.

*If the student wants or needs summer transfer hours to apply to the previous academic year for scholarship renewal purposes, he/she must request a transcript from the transferring institution as early as possible. We must see the credits posted in ISIS before they can be considered for scholarship purposes. Transcripts should be sent to: University of Arkansas, Registrar's Office, Hunt Hall 146, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

4) Most Study Abroad programs function like the transfer credits discussed above. If the student has questions about how Study Abroad credits and grades will apply to his/her UA record and scholarships, please contact the Office of Study Abroad (575-7582) and the Office of Academic Scholarships (575-4464).

5) Students can request to use their academic scholarship for a summer term. However, they will be using a full semester of scholarship eligibility. Also, students must meet renewal criteria after every two semesters of scholarship use. Thus, students who use their scholarship for a summer term typically must meet renewal criteria after the following fall semester. To make this arrangement, the student must see Dovie Johnson in the Scholarship Office and complete the required paperwork.