

**Tennessee Technological University
Policy No. 275**



**Graduate
Academic
Fresh Start**

Effective Date: July 1, 2017

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Policy Name: Graduate Academic Fresh Start

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to describe how Tennessee Tech provides academic forgiveness for graduate students who have experienced academic difficulty.

II. Review

This policy will be reviewed every four years or whenever circumstances require review, whichever is earlier, by the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, with final approval by the Graduate Studies Executive Committee, Academic Council, University Assembly, and the Board of Trustees.

III. Policy

- A. Individuals interested in requesting a Graduate Academic Fresh Start must submit a completed application to the College of Graduate Studies, including a written justification for the request.
- B. A Graduate Academic Fresh Start request is limited to situations where the individual wishes to apply to a graduate degree program other than the previously attempted coursework.
- C. An individual seeking a Graduate Academic Fresh Start must:
 - 1. Submit a completed change of major form to the College of Graduate Studies;
 - 2. Submit all admission documents as required by TTU Policy 270 (General Graduate Admissions Requirements); and
 - 3. Meet all the requirements for admission as determined by the program and the College of Graduate Studies.
- D. The approval of a request for a Graduate Academic Fresh Start is at the discretion of the department and academic dean for the program to which the individual is applying and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies.
- E. An individual may receive only one Graduate Academic Fresh Start.
- F. Previous coursework will not be used to satisfy the requirements of the new degree program.

IV. Interpretation

The Dean of the College of Graduate Studies has the final authority to interpret the terms of this policy.

V. Citation of Authority for Policy

T.C.A. § 49-8-203(a)(1)(B)

Approved by:

Graduate Studies Executive Committee:	November 1, 2016
Academic Council:	November 9, 2016
University Assembly:	November 16, 2016
Board of Trustees:	June 15, 2017