

## REQUEST FOR ACADEMIC FRESH START

As stated in Section 51.931 of the Texas Education Code, an applicant to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley has the right to seek admission under the "Right to An Academic Fresh Start" policy. Applicants who seek admission under this section will have all undergraduate academic credits or grades, *10 or more years prior to the starting date of the semester in which the applicant seeks to enroll*, excluded from calculation of the undergraduate GPA.

### CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH AN ACADEMIC FRESH START MAY BE GRANTED

1. The Academic Fresh Start option is only available upon applying to UTRGV and **before** a decision is granted.
2. An Academic Fresh Start may be granted **one time only** during your Undergraduate career.
3. To be eligible for an Academic Fresh Start the student/applicant:
  - a. must be classified as a Texas Resident for tuition purposes,
  - b. must not have a degree of any type,
  - c. must submit all official transcripts from other institutions, regardless of whether an Academic Fresh Start has been granted at any previous institution.
4. Undergraduate coursework will be excluded from the cumulative GPA as follows:
  - a. only for coursework earned at Texas Public institutions,
  - b. for **all** coursework taken 10 or more years prior to request of the Academic Fresh Start, regardless of the grade earned.
5. Coursework & grades excluded from the GPA due to granting of an Academic Fresh Start:
  - a. will remain on the student's official record (transcript) for audit purposes,
  - b. will not be used as pre-requisites for subsequent coursework,
  - c. will not be used to meet graduation requirements,
  - d. may affect NCAA eligibility, Veteran Administration Certification or Financial Aid eligibility,
  - e. may reclassify the student for admission purposes, requiring additional admission documents.
6. Any existing degree plan or commitment which considered coursework excluded from calculation of the GPA under the Academic Fresh Start policy is invalid.
7. The Academic Fresh Start, once granted, may not be reversed under any circumstances.

### TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT/APPLICANT:

By signing below, you are requesting an Academic Fresh Start and agree to all the conditions stated above should the Fresh Start be granted.

Student Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Once the form is signed, send it to [Admissions@utrgv.edu](mailto:Admissions@utrgv.edu) with the subject "Academic Fresh Start Request".

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

"FRESH START" APPROVED BY ADMISSIONS: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No APPLICATION TERM: \_\_\_\_\_

TEXAS RESIDENT: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No TSI STATUS: Exempt \_\_\_ Not Exempt \_\_\_

FRESH ST REMARK ADDED TO RECORD: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No TRANSFER COURSES MARKED: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

FRESH ST TERM BEGINS: \_\_\_\_\_ FRESH ST TERM ENDS: \_\_\_\_\_