Academic Amnesty

Academic amnesty removes grade point factors of a previous semester taken at King from a re-admitted student’s cumulative GPA, although course(s) and grade(s) remain on the student’s academic record. The course(s) so approved are marked on the transcript “Academic Amnesty.”

To fulfill the academic amnesty requirements, a student must complete 12 simultaneous semester hours with at least a 3.0 GPA. There is a limit of two semesters/terms for which a student may seek academic amnesty.

Receipt of academic amnesty is not automatic; it requires the support of the academic advisor and the approval of the Chief Academic Officer. To receive academic amnesty for a semester, a student must:

1. Acquire the Academic Amnesty form, available from the Office of Registration and Records as an email attachment.
2. Discuss the semester(s) for which amnesty is sought with his/her academic advisor or Student Success Specialist. If the advisor or Success Specialist supports the request for academic amnesty, he/she should sign the Academic Amnesty form.
3. Return the signed form to the Office of Registration and Records for final approval by the Chief Academic Officer, who may request an interview with the student before authorizing the amnesty request.

A written response to the student concerning the final disposition of the application will be issued from the Office of Registration and Records. In order to receive amnesty for a semester, certain conditions must be understood:

1. Amnesty affects ALL courses taken during the semester, including credit hours and grades.
2. The amnesty semester is removed from consideration for GPA purposes, and the credit cannot be used for prerequisite or degree requirements. The semester listing of courses and grades remains evident on the academic record, but the classes are marked “Academic Amnesty.”
3. The Office of Registration and Records shall determine whether or not the student has met the requirements for academic amnesty.
4. Since “I,” “NG,” “P,” and “W” grades do not have numerical equivalents, courses in which the student received these grades are irrelevant to the academic amnesty process.
5. The request for academic amnesty must be approved prior to the student’s final semester.