

# Academic Fresh Start Acknowledgment

Under the provisions of the Texas Education Code, a Texas resident applying to University of Houston-Downtown may elect to have all academic coursework ignored for admission purposes if it was earned ten (10) or more years prior to the semester of application. This coursework will not be considered for course credit and will not be used to compute the student's grade point average from the University of Houston-Downtown.

The Academic Fresh Start Program is open to current Texas residents who have applied to the University of Houston-Downtown with all the necessary credentials submitted to the Office of Admissions by the appropriate deadline.

Official transcripts from all colleges attended, including transcripts which include coursework completed ten (10) or more years ago must be sent to the University of Houston-Downtown. In addition, students choosing Academic Fresh Start must meet current admission requirements with course work taken within the past ten years.

Sec. 51.931. RIGHT TO AN ACADEMIC FRESH START.

(a) This section applies to any public institution of higher education as defined in Section 61.003 of this code.

(b) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a resident of this state is entitled to apply for admission to and enroll as an undergraduate student in any public institution of higher education under this section.

(c) If an applicant elects to seek admission under this section, a public institution of higher education, in considering the applicant for admission, shall not consider academic course credits or grades earned by the applicant 10 or more years prior to the starting date of the semester in which the applicant seeks to enroll. An applicant who makes the election to apply under this section and is admitted as a student may not receive any course credit for courses undertaken 10 or more years prior to enrollment under this section.

(d) If a student who enrolls under this section completes a prescribed course of study, earns a baccalaureate degree, and applies for admission to a postgraduate or professional program offered by a public institution of higher education, the institution, in considering the applicant for admission into the postgraduate or professional program, shall consider only the grade point average of the applicant established by the course work completed after enrollment under this section, along with any other criteria the institution uses in evaluating applicants for admission into the postgraduate or professional program.

(e) Nothing in this section prohibits a public institution of higher education from applying standard admissions criteria generally applicable to persons seeking admission to the institution.

Please sign and return the Academic Fresh Start Acknowledgment form by email at [UHDAmit@uhd.edu](mailto:UHDAmit@uhd.edu) or by mail:

University of Houston-Downtown  
Office of Admissions  
One Main Street, GSB 308  
Houston, TX 77002



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Last Name First Name UHD Student ID

Email Phone Number Date of Birth

## SEMESTER APPLYING TO UHD

Fall Spring Summer

## STUDENT TYPE

Transfer Student

Former UHD Student

If a former UHD student, please indicate the last semester of attendance at UHD

Semester: Year:

As a student applying under the Academic Fresh Start program, please confirm the following:

- I am a Texas Resident.
- I understand the provisions of the Academic Fresh Start program outlined in Sec. 51.931 code.
- I understand I will not receive credit for academic coursework earned 10 or more years ago.
- I acknowledge credit excluded from this provision cannot be used as prerequisites and/or transfer credit.
- I understand there may be implications for financial aid and veterans' benefits and these offices should be contacted for further information.
- I understand my tuition might be impacted due to excessive hours, repeated courses and courses from which I withdrew.
- I understand if I currently hold a bachelor's degree, I am not eligible for Academic Fresh Start.
- I understand this action cannot be revoked.
- I certify I have provided a complete record of my academic history to the University of Houston-Downtown.
- I understand courses removed from consideration under Academic Fresh Start will not be removed from my transcript but will be annotated to identify courses which have been removed from consideration.

Student Name Student Signature Date

UHD Admission Representative Signature Date

The Academic Fresh Start program exempts courses from:

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| College/University | Semester & Year | to | Semester & Year |
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