

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Area: Academic Affairs

Number: Policy 2.39

Subject: Academic Bankruptcy

In accordance with Blue Mountain College's educational mission, this policy establishes the standards for academic bankruptcy for courses taken at Blue Mountain College. These standards are based on comparable practices at other institutions of higher education and are designed to give students a second chance who finds themselves in academic difficulty.

Conditions:

1. Any student may petition the Admissions and Academic Standards Committee to remove any and all grades of *D*, *F*, *FA*, and *WF* from a single semester on the student's Blue Mountain College transcript by applying to the Admissions and Academic Standards Committee. This may be done only after completing 15 simultaneous or sequential semester hours with at least a 3.00 grade point average (GPA) or 30 semester hours with at least a 2.5 GPA at Blue Mountain College, following the semester the student desires to have the grade(s) removed but before receiving a baccalaureate degree from Blue Mountain College.
2. The *D*, *F*, *FA*, and *WF* grades from the bankrupt semester are removed from consideration for GPA purposes and the bankrupt credit is not used for degree requirements. The semester listing of courses and grades remain evident on the academic record, but are marked "Academic Bankruptcy". The academic record is used to issue official transcripts.
3. The request for bankruptcy must be submitted prior to receiving a baccalaureate degree from Blue Mountain College.
4. Academic bankruptcy does not forgive attempted credit hours in the satisfactory academic progress calculations for financial aid recipients.
5. A student seeking bankruptcy must be enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program at Blue Mountain College at the time of application. Academic bankruptcy applies to baccalaureate degree programs only.
6. The Admissions and Academic Standards Committee reserves the right to question any student who petitions for Academic Bankruptcy to determine, if possible, the reasons for their academic difficulties. If the reasons have not been resolved so as to allow the

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student a true opportunity to be successful, the committee may use its discretion to determine special regulations and conditions which, in its judgment, would be most beneficial to the applicant.

7. Academic Bankruptcy is applicable only to students returning to Blue Mountain College the following semester.
8. Students are encouraged to contact their academic advisor before applying for academic bankruptcy for any semester. Special regulations pertain to student receiving veteran's benefits or financial aid: those students must confer with Registrar or the Director of Financial Aid prior to applying for academic bankruptcy.
9. Bankruptcy is not applicable to developmental courses (EN 090 and MA 095).
10. Academic Bankruptcy is not available to students who are transferring to Blue Mountain College since grades of *D* or *F* do not transfer and the process of transferring grants academic bankruptcy for those courses.

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