PROCEDURE LIT.7.01.04 ACADEMIC FRESH START

SCOPE: Students

- 1. Applicants that seek admission to Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) and have academic credits or grades that were earned ten (10) or more years prior to the semester in which enrollment is sought, may elect to enter under the terms of Academic Fresh Start Policy (Texas Education Code §51.931). The Academic Fresh Start Policy allows an applicant that is a Texas resident to petition LIT to not consider, in the admission process and graduation requirements, course credits or grades earned ten or more years prior to admission. Applicants that want to seek entry under this section will not receive credit for courses taken ten (10) or more years prior to enrollment. An applicant who decides to apply under this statute may not receive any course credit for courses taken at any college or university ten (10) or more years prior to enrollment.
 - 1.1. In considering an applicant for admission under Academic Fresh Start, and at the request of the applicant, LIT may choose to disregard academic course credits or grades earned by the applicant more recently than 10 years before the starting date of the semester in which the applicant seeks to enroll, except that the institution may not disregard any credits or grades earned during the five-year period preceding that date.
 - 1.1.1. If LIT chooses to disregard course credits or grades earned during the additional period permitted by Texas Education Code §51.931 subsection (c-1), LIT must disregard all course credits or grades earned during that period and may not award any credit for those courses.
- 2. Applicants applying under Academic Fresh Start are subject to standard admission and TSI criteria.
- 3. Applicants must deliver a written request to the Registrar.
- 4. Academic Fresh Start granted by LIT only applies while enrolled at LIT.

Related Policies: LIT.7.01 Admissions

Relevant Forms/Documents:

Relevant TSUS Policies/Forms/Documents:

Relevant Statutes: Texas Education Code §51.931

Relevant SACSOC Standards:

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