

All previous coursework and academic standing continue to be reflected on the student's official transcript. Academic credit for previously completed coursework, including transfer courses, will be retained only for courses in which an A, B, or C grade has been earned. The renewal grade point average is begun when the student resumes taking coursework following approval for Academic Renewal. Retained grades are not calculated in the Renewal GPA. The Renewal GPA begins with the semester following re-enrollment. Required courses with D or F grades must be repeated at the Academic Renewal institution. All remaining courses for the student's current degree program must be completed at the Academic Renewal institution. A student classified with Academic Renewal cannot attend another institution as a transient student.

Re-enrolling students who have been out of school for three years and who do not request Academic Renewal status at the time of re-admission may request the status within three academic semesters or within one calendar year, whichever comes first. Suspended or dismissed students who attend another institution during the suspension/dismissal period are not eligible for Academic Renewal.

Students wishing to apply for Academic Renewal must complete an "Academic Renewal Application." Final approval of the Academic Renewal status is granted by the Vice President of Academic Affairs and permitted once the student re-enrolls at Darton State College.

K. ACADEMIC APPEALS PROCEDURE

1. Obtain the appropriate form from the Records office.
2. Fill out the forms completely.
3. For **change of grade**, supporting documentation is required. The appeals committee will only hear appeals for grade changes from F or WF to W. ***If there is no supporting documentation, the appeal will not be heard.***
4. Return the forms with any supporting documentation (including proof of extenuating circumstances) to the Academic Affairs office. **ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST ACCOMPANY THE ACADEMIC APPEAL FORMS. NO DOCUMENTATION WILL BE ACCEPTED LATER!**
5. The Academic Appeals committee meets on registration day of each semester. You must be present or your appeal will not be considered. Information is forwarded to at-a-distance students when requested via email, fax or mail. Distance Learning students will be contacted by phone on the appeals day.

L. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Darton State College grants the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Applied Science Degrees and selected Baccalaureate Degrees. Although some students will satisfy degree requirements each semester, there are only two formal graduation exercises each year, one following the Fall Semester and one following the Spring Semester. General requirements for the degrees are as follows:

1. **Quantitative** – For the Baccalaureate of Science degree, the student must complete a minimum of 120 hours of academic work, plus physical education requirements. The student must present 31 semester hours of residence instruction at Darton State College. The student must complete a minimum of 60 hours of academic work for an Associate degree, plus physical education requirements. The student must present at least 25% of the total hours in a program of study, with a minimum of 18 semester hours of academic work for a transfer associate degree.
2. **Qualitative** - The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 (C) on all work presented to meet graduation requirements of Darton State College. In addition, students have to earn a "C" or better in English 1101 and English 1102.
3. **Curricular** - The student must satisfy the requirements of the core curriculum or complete a specific program of study. All candidates are required to satisfy the provision of the Georgia State