

Scholastic Standards Committee
To the University Senate
April 7, 2025

Background:

In 2022, a university decision was made to no longer ask applicants for admission/readmission about their previous criminal history. This decision was informed by the understanding that asking about criminal history can often have a chilling effect on applicants and significantly took into consideration that the Common Application stopped asking about criminal history in 2020.

It was brought to the attention of the Scholastic Standards Committee in the early fall 2024 semester that the By-Laws Rules, and Regulations of the University Senate, as written, do not reflect current practice in the Dean of Students Office regarding undergraduate readmission and the materials to review for assessment of the applications.

Summary of Action:

The Scholastic Standards Committee brings this motion to the Senate to ensure that the language reflects current practice.

This recommendation comes to the Senate in consultation with the various points of admission/readmission within UConn (Undergrad Admission, The Graduate School, and the Dean of Students Office.)

Proposed Bylaw Change:

Article II, B. 12 Academic Advising and Registration, Readmission

12. Readmission

A student seeking readmission to the University must apply through the Dean of Students Office. Readmission is not guaranteed. Criteria used in determining readmission include, but are not limited to, academic progress and university discipline history, ~~and criminal history.~~

All applications for readmission must be evaluated through the Dean of Students Office who will convene a readmission board including the deans' designees. The standards for academic evaluation can be found at the website of each school/college, the Dean of Students Office, and the Regional Campus Student Services Offices. The attention of such students is called to the following University Regulations:

1. A student who wishes to apply toward a degree credits earned more than eight years before graduation must obtain permission from the dean of the school or college concerned and the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs.
2. All readmitted students (except those who are on an official leave of absence returning to their previous school or college) must satisfy the academic requirements of the school or college to

which readmitted as stated in the catalog effective at the time of readmission, unless a subsequent catalog is elected.

3. Undergraduate students who have been separated from the university for at least eight consecutive semesters may seek academic renewal at the time of their application for readmission. Through academic renewal, a student may remove up to 16 credits of coursework with a grade of C- or lower from their GPA calculation after rematriculating at UConn. These courses must have been taken previously at the University of Connecticut. The registered grade, earned credits, and grade points for these courses shall remain on the transcript but will no longer calculate into the GPA. Students shall not receive credit toward their degree for courses placed on academic renewal. Academic renewal can be used only once and is limited to those completing their first bachelor's degree at UConn.

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