



Academic and Degree Information

Undergraduate Academic Programs

Majors

The baccalaureate degrees offered are the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science in the following majors:

- Accounting*
- Art
- Biblical Studies
- Biochemistry†
- Biology†
- Business Administration*
- Chemistry†
- Clinical Laboratory Science*
- Communication
- Computer Science†
- Congregational and Youth Ministries
- Digital Media
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Sustainability
- Health and Physical Education*
- History
- History and Social Science
- International Business
- Liberal Arts
- Management and Organizational Development (degree completion program)*
- Mathematics*
- Music
- Nursing*
- Nursing (RN–BS degree completion program)*
- Outdoor Ministry and Adventure Leadership

- Peacebuilding and Development
- Philosophy and Theology
- Photography
- Psychology*
- Recreation and Sport Leadership
- Religious and Intercultural Studies
- Social Work
- Spanish
- Theater

* *Results in a Bachelor of Science degree.*

† *See departmental information for degree options.*

Pre-Professional and Professional Programs

The following pre-professional and professional programs are available:

- Early/Primary Education Licensure
- Elementary Education Licensure
- Secondary Education Licensure
- Special Education Licensure
- Pre-Engineering
- Pre-Professional Health Sciences

Minors

In addition to majors, the following minors are offered:

- Accounting
- Art
- Bible and Religion
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Church Music
- Coaching

- Communication
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Sustainability
- Exercise Science
- Finance
- History
- History and Social Science
- International Development
- Journalism
- Mathematics
- Music
- Outdoor Ministry and Adventure Leadership
- Peacebuilding
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Studies
- Pre-Law
- Psychology
- Religious and Intercultural Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Theater
- Writing
- Youth Ministry

Associate Degree

The Associate in Arts degree may be earned with a major in:

- Bible
- General Studies (See Liberal Arts major)
- Education: Para-Professional
- Pastoral Ministry (EMU at Lancaster, see page 191)

Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees

A minimum of 128 semester hours (SH) and a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall as well as within the major are required. (Some majors require a higher grade point average.) Each student takes the required general education courses,

courses required to complete a major and electives. A minor is optional.

A student who completes two majors, one of which leads to the B.A. degree and one to the B.S., may specify which degree s/he will receive. Both majors will be recognized as having been completed under the single degree.

Alternatively, a student may receive both a B.A. and a B.S. degree from Eastern Mennonite University by completing a total of at least 158 semester hours including the requirements for two majors, one of which leads to the B.A. degree and one to the B.S. degree.

Residence Requirements

At least 32 SH or a minimum of 25% of the credits required for the degree must be completed through EMU. This will include the final 32 SH leading to graduation unless a written exception is approved. At least nine semester hours in the major and six hours in any minor must be taken in residence.

EMU Core Requirements

See pages 24-32 for the EMU Core requirements.

Major and Minor Requirements

Each student shall complete course requirements for one major as designated by the department. Completion of a minor is optional. Students are required to complete major, minor, and general education requirements as they appear in the EMU Catalog in effect when they first enrolled as a degree-seeking student. Upon request, students may be permitted to complete updated major or minor requirements if curriculum changes occur during their time of enrollment.

Curriculum outlines, listing required courses for each major and minor, are available from the university registrar's office.

Students who discontinue attendance at EMU for more than two consecutive semesters will be subject to any changes in curriculum requirements (general education and major/minor) which took place during their absence.

Elective Courses

Elective courses provide students the opportunity to explore a variety of disciplines and departments.

Requirements for Associate in Arts Degree

A minimum of 64 SH and a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and within the major are required. Each student takes EMU Core courses as listed, a concentration of courses in a major and electives. A minor is optional.

Residence requirements and program requirements for majors, minors and electives will be met as listed under “Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees” (page 13).

Associate in Arts (A.A.)

Each student satisfies EMU Core requirements as listed below.

Christian Faith

Anabaptist Biblical Perspectives3

Life Wellness2

Communication

College Writing for Transitions4

Speech: Exploring Voice in Vocation . .2

Mathematics Competency0-1

Cross-cultural Learning

Cross-cultural designate3

Foreign Language3

Critical Thinking

Natural Sciences3

Social and Behavioral Sciences3

Creative Arts1-3

History and Literature3

Total27-30

Requirements for Students with a Previous Bachelor’s Degree

A student who has earned a bachelor’s degree from another accredited institution satisfies the EMU Core requirements by completing the following courses:

- six semester hours of cross-cultural experience/designate courses (may be transferred)
- Anabaptist Biblical Perspectives (ABP) course
- CORE 401 Senior Seminar

The student must have completed at least one course in each of the following areas, either at EMU or at a previous college: natural science/mathematics; social/behavioral sciences; fine arts/humanities. A student whose first language is other than English may, upon assessment, be required to complete a course in Writing and/or Speech.

Graduation Application and Commencement Requirements

Students expecting to graduate must file an Application for Degree provided by the provost’s office. Students are eligible to participate in commencement activities provided degree requirements will be completed by the December following spring commencement. Students are not considered a graduate in terms of transcript or diploma until final coursework is complete.

Candidates for graduation are expected to be present for commencement. Degrees will be conferred in absentia upon written request to the provost’s office.

Academic Policies

The academic calendar year consists of two 15-week semesters offered September through April and summer sessions beginning in May.

The semester hour (SH) is used to designate credit earned. A full-time load is defined as 12-18 SH per semester. To register for more than 18 SH a student

must obtain written approval from the University Registrar.

First-year-level courses are numbered 100-199; sophomore, 200-299; junior, 300-399; and senior, 400-499. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are normally offered in alternate years. See the schedule of course offerings, available at the university registrar's office, for final information on courses to be offered each semester.

Student Classification

A student's class level is determined by the number of semester hours earned by the beginning of each semester of the academic year. Classification is as follows:

23 SH or fewer—First-year

24-55 SH—Sophomore

56-89 SH—Junior

90 SH or more—Senior

Student Assessment

The university reserves the right to require students to participate in institutional testing programs as part of ongoing assessment of student outcomes.

Grading System and Quality Points

A Excellent.

A = 4.0 quality points

A- = 3.7 quality points

B Very good.

B+ = 3.3 quality points

B = 3.0 quality points

B- = 2.7 quality points

C Satisfactory.

C+ = 2.3 quality points

C = 2.0 quality points

C- = 1.7 quality points

D Unsatisfactory.

D+ = 1.3 quality points

D = 1.0 quality point

F Failure. Zero quality points

I Incomplete. Allowed at the discretion of the instructor only in case of an emergency or other unforeseen problem. An incomplete (I) must be removed within six weeks from the end of the term in

which the incomplete was assigned, or it is replaced by an F.

P Pass. Does not calculate into grade point average. Given in certain courses designated Pass/Fail.

SP Satisfactory Progress. Indicates satisfactory achievement to date in a course which is intended to extend beyond the current grading period. This is not a final grade.

W Withdrawal. Indicates the student withdrew from the course between the fifth and ninth weeks of the semester. Does not calculate into grade point average.

Pass/Fail Option. Allowed in elective courses for juniors and seniors with university registrar's office approval by the end of the fourth week of the semester. A grade of C- or above submitted by the instructor will result in a pass grade on the student's record. Any grade below a C- is reported on the student's record as received from the instructor.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

EMU uses the four-point system (A=4). The grade point average (GPA) is computed by dividing the number of quality points earned by the number of semester hours graded.

Continuing Enrollment

A continuing student is automatically awarded unconditional readmission for a subsequent year when meeting criteria outlined under "Continuance of Admission Status" on page 205.

Academic Probation

Students with a cumulative GPA below 2.00 at the end of fall semester are considered to be on academic probation for the spring semester.

Academic Review

Unconditionally admitted students with a cumulative GPA below 2.00 or who received more than one F grade for the

spring semester will be reviewed by the university registrar and the assistant dean at the end of the academic year. Students may be granted conditional readmission for the following semester or denied readmission for the following two semesters.

Conditional admission granted to new students (see “Requirements for Admission,” page 203) is for one year only, and the academic record of these students is reviewed by the university registrar and the assistant dean after two semesters of enrollment. Those not meeting the criteria for unconditional readmission may be denied readmission for the following two semesters, or may be granted conditional readmission for one semester.

Conditional readmission, given on a semester-by-semester basis, limits the student’s load to a maximum of 13 semester hours and requires a 2.00 GPA with no F grades in the semester for which it was granted. Failure to meet these criteria may result in denial of readmission for subsequent semesters.

A student whose academic progress is reviewed will receive a written report of the outcome from the university registrar within 30 days after the end of the semester. All actions are subject to appeal by the student (see “Appealing the Admission Decision,” page 205).

Academic Integrity

Eastern Mennonite University fosters a culture where faculty, staff, and students respect themselves and others. In this culture, faculty, staff, and students gain confidence in their desire and ability to discover their ideas, construct new knowledge, and think critically about their own ideas and the ideas of others. In doing so, EMU community members grow as competent thinkers and writers.

EMU faculty and staff care about the integrity of their own work and the work of their students. They create assignments that promote interpretative thinking and work intentionally with students during

the learning process. Honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility are characteristics of a community that is active in loving mercy, doing justice, and walking humbly before God.

A. At EMU, academic integrity means

1. honesty in producing one’s own work.
2. use of documented course information and aids.
3. submission of work that is one’s own.
4. honesty in representation of research results, one’s credentials, and facts or opinions.
5. honesty in use of technology, including cell phones and the Internet.
6. honesty in acknowledging sources used in research and presented in papers and other assignments.
7. honesty in establishing and maintaining the appropriate parameters of collaborative work.

B. Academic integrity includes

1. using accurate quotations. When used, quotations are exact, word-for-word as they appear in the original document. Every quotation, including a short phrase or a single word if it is unusual, includes the required citation and quotation marks.
2. using appropriate paraphrasing with documentation. Paraphrasing is more than rewording the original material. It must be nearly entirely in the writer’s own words, using new phrases and synonyms. The writer may repeat technical terms. Place quotation marks around any exact words that are retained. The sentence structure should not be the same as in the source. In the paraphrase, do not add interpretations, ideas, and assessments that are not in the original source.
3. documenting and citing work that was created for a previous assignment whether for the current course or for another one.

4. using appropriate documentation when using words from a class speaker, including the class instructor, in an assignment, i.e. cite professors' lectures.
5. using common knowledge appropriately. Common knowledge is information that is easily observed, commonly reported facts (George Washington was the first president of the United States.), or proverbs. Common knowledge does not need to be cited, but be certain that these words are in the public domain. When in doubt, ask the professor.

EMU defines plagiarism as occurring when a person presents as one's own someone else's language, ideas, or other original (not common-knowledge) material without acknowledging its source.

(Adapted from the Council of Writing Program Administrators, 2005, www.wpacouncil.org.)

C. Academic integrity violation for students may be evidenced as a

1. Minimal Violation

A minimal violation of academic integrity codes includes doing the following **without appropriate documentation**:

- a) using a minimal number of distinguishing words from a source.
- b) re-arranging the word order of a sentence.
- c) producing a similar sentence or style from a source.
- d) using an idea or argument from a source.

(Adapted from "Westmont College Plagiarism Policy" (2002) www.westmont.edu/_academics/pages/provost/curriculum/plagiarism.)

2. Substantial Violation

A substantial violation of academic integrity codes includes (but is not limited to):

- a) cheating on a quiz, test, or exam.
- b) copying or attempting to copy some-

one else's work, including paraphrasing or quoting a professor's classroom lectures, handouts, and presentations without appropriate documentation.

- c) falsifying results and credentials, withholding data, misrepresenting facts.
- d) using someone else's work as one's own work.
- e) using quotations with no documentation.
- f) using an online source by copying and pasting with no documentation. Online sources may appear free. In this case, *free* means economically free. While a source may not be paid for, it is to be used only for its specified use. A citation must be given if words, graphics, or ideas are used.
- g) presenting material as one's own from a site that sells essays. Some of the papers-for-sale sites do have disclaimers that state the work must be cited. Remember, if a source can be found, the professor can also find it.
- h) frequently committing minimal violations within a single document or repeatedly over time.
- i) assisting another student to cheat or to copy one's own or someone else's work without appropriate documentation.

Undergraduate academic departments and graduate units are responsible for establishing right-of-use parameters for non-print materials (e.g. presentations).

D. Procedures

When a student violates academic integrity values, the student and professor/advisor will work together to restore the student to community.

1. Procedures for Minimal Violations

When a first-time minimal violation is noted in a project, the professor will use this as an opportunity to teach the student/s explicitly about academic integrity. Faculty should keep internal records of minimal violations. When a second

minimal violation occurs, either within the same class or in multiple classes with the same instructor, faculty will document this as a substantial offense by submitting a Violation of Academic Integrity Report to the respective chair or program director. Chairs and program directors must forward a copy of the report to their respective dean.

2. Procedures for Substantial Violations

At EMU, when academic integrity codes are violated to this level, the following procedure will be followed.

a) The professor will:

1. notify the student of the violation.
2. determine whether the student is guilty of the violation.
3. contact the Dean's office to check on previous student violations in order to determine first, second or third offense.
4. document the finding and the action either taken (First-time offense) or repeated (Second and Third-time offenses) on the Violation of Academic Integrity Record.
5. meet with the student to obtain the student's signature, either acknowledging her/his violation or acknowledging discussion in which the professor explained the charges to the student. In the event that a student refuses to sign, the professor will document that the violation was discussed with the student and the student refused to sign. (Under some circumstances, the professor may want to request another professor to be present as witness. Students have the option to include a faculty or staff member, e.g. academic advisor, student life personnel, coach.)
6. submit the Violation of Academic Integrity Record to the respective chair or program director. Copies are forwarded to the dean.

b) the Dean will:

1. for undergraduate students, inform the Vice President for Student Life of violations and actions taken.
2. for all students, follow steps described below for Second and Third-time offenses.

c) The student will either:

1. accept the decision.
2. submit an appeal by following the *Appeal Procedures*. (See respective catalog.)
Graduate Catalog www.emu.edu/catalog/graduate/general/academics
Seminary Catalog www.emu.edu/seminary/catalog/index.html
Student Handbook University Policies, www.emu.edu/studentlife/student-handbook

Each dean will maintain a database recording all violations of academic integrity reports. These records will be kept as part of the student's permanent record, unless it is withdrawn following appeal.

(Adapted from American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (2007) Academic Dishonesty: Developing and Implementing Institutional Policy.)

E. Consequences for Students

1. *First-time substantial violation:* If a student cheats on a quiz, test, or exam or plagiarizes material in an assignment, the quiz, test, exam, or assignment receives an F or 0 grade at faculty discretion. For an extreme first-time offense, a professor may give the student an F for the course (e.g. essay taken from Internet, test answers from another source). At the discretion of the professor, educational and restorative outcomes could include enrolling in an Academic Integrity workshop provided by EMU's Writing Program Director, and revising and re-submitting the assignment.
2. *Second-time substantial violation:* If the student repeats the above violation in the same or another course or commits another violation in the same or another course, a professor may give the student

an F for the course, and the student may receive a Letter of Probation.

(See *Student Handbook, University Policies, www.emu.edu/studentlife/studenthandbook.*)

3. *Third-time substantial violation:* If the student commits the violation for the third time, the professor may give the student an F for the course, and the student may receive a Letter of Indefinite Suspension/Disciplinary Withdrawal.

(See *Student Handbook, University Policies.*)

4. Upon re-enrollment and a subsequent violation, the professor may give the student an F for the course, and the student may be subject to a Letter of Dismissal at the discretion of the university.

(See *Student Handbook, University Policies, www.emu.edu/studentlife/studenthandbook.*)

Faculty and staff who violate academic integrity codes are subject to review by the provost's office.

The graduate, seminary, and undergraduate units use this policy for processing academic integrity violations with the exception of student appeal.

(See above) This policy appears in yearly course catalogs; the *Student Handbook*; on graduate, seminary, and undergraduate websites; and at z://provost/forms.

The Academic Integrity Policy flow chart is also available at z://provost/forms.

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Academic Honors

The Dean's List, compiled at the end of each semester, includes students who achieve a semester GPA of at least 3.75 with no W, I or F grades for 12 or more semester hours of standard grades (P grades not included).

Baccalaureate degree candidates for graduation from the traditional undergraduate program who have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.60 or above with no D's or F's at EMU are

considered honor graduates. The honor and corresponding grade point average are listed as follows:

Cum Laude: 3.60-3.79

Magna Cum Laude: 3.80-3.89

Summa Cum Laude: 3.90-4.00

To qualify for graduation honors as previously specified, a student must have completed at least 48 graded semester hours at EMU.

Grade Reporting

Grades will be reported to students through myEMU (my.emu.edu) within one week after the close of each semester. A written copy of the grade report may be sent by student request to parents, guardians or other person designated by the student. Cash settlement of accounts may be required for the release of written grade reports.

Grade Appeal Process

Grade appeals are not subject to the normal grievance procedures. A student who wishes to appeal a grade must follow the timeline and steps listed below:

1. Timeline: An appeal to any grade assigned between September 1 and December 31 must be begun by February 15 of the following year. An appeal to any grade assigned between January 1 and May 15 must be initiated by July 1. An appeal to any grade assigned between May 16 and August 31 must be started by October 15.

2. Confer with the instructor who gave the grade, stating the reason(s) she/he feels a change of grade is warranted. At this conference the instructor has the obligation to explain to the student the basis for determining the grade which the student has been awarded.

3. If the instructor does not feel that a change in grade is warranted, the student may appeal to the chair of the department in which the course is offered.

4. A final appeal may be made to the undergraduate academic dean if the con-

ference with the department chair does not result in a satisfactory resolution of the appeal. The student is responsible to ask the department chair to provide for the dean a written summary of their conference regarding the grade in question.

At each level of appeal, there is the responsibility to confer with the instructor who may be required to review the basis used in determining the grade which was awarded to the student.

All grade changes must be authorized by the person who agreed to the change and must use the formal grade change process of the university registrar's office.

Transcripts

To assure the confidentiality of academic records, any request for a transcript must be made in writing and must come from the student.

Requests should be made to the university registrar's office and should allow one week for processing. There will be a \$5 charge for each transcript requested. Cash settlement of accounts is required for release of transcripts.

Credit Taken by EMU Students at Other Institutions

A student must secure advance written approval from the university registrar before enrolling for work at another institution, if the credit is to be transferred and applied to degree requirements at EMU.

Transfer Credit Grades

In the traditional undergraduate program, credit will be awarded for appropriate transfer courses in which the student has earned a grade of C- or better (or higher grade according to departmental requirements). All transfer courses will be recorded with the same titles and grades as appear on the transcript from the previous school. Transfer credits will not be included in the EMU GPA, except for instances in which the student's enrollment at the other institution was sponsored by EMU.

Credit through Testing

A maximum of 30 credits earned through testing may be applied toward a degree. This includes credit earned through the programs described below as well as through any other testing program the university chooses to recognize. Individual programs may have more specific criteria. An exception to the maximum will apply for up to 36 nursing credits earned by testing through Excelsior College, Albany, New York.

Students in the traditional undergraduate program may apply testing credit toward EMU Core requirements in two areas only: writing (AP) and foreign language (AP and CLEP). Students in the Adult Degree Completion Program may use approved testing options to meet EMU Core requirements where appropriate equivalents have been identified.

Credit by Examination

Upon recommendation of the appropriate instructor, an EMU student may request to earn credit or demonstrate proficiency in a course for which the student has not previously enrolled. A testing fee is required. The student initiates the request at the university registrar's office. Testing for foreign languages may occur through the CLEP process.

CLEP/DSST Examinations

The university grants credit for general and subject examinations in the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST). Information on the CLEP/DSST programs may be obtained by contacting the career services office.

Advanced Placement (AP) Credit

High school students taking the Advanced Placement examinations may receive university credit if they achieve a satisfactory score. Information on scores required and credit awarded may be obtained by contacting the university registrar's office.

Service-Learning Credit

A maximum of 9 SH may be earned by persons who enter a term of voluntary service under mission and service agencies. Credit requirements are arranged on a contractual basis between the individual and the undergraduate academic dean's office prior to the term of service. See page 216 for the service-learning tuition rate. Students are not considered to be enrolled at EMU while earning service-learning credit. For information on service-learning credit, contact the undergraduate academic dean's office, 540-432-4141.

Independent Study

Qualified students may undertake independent study as a means of increasing self-reliance and of being able to pursue a topic of special interest. It does not normally substitute for required courses and does not duplicate regular course offerings of the university.

Sophomore status or higher is required to register for independent study. No more than two independent study courses may be taken in one year.

Before registering for independent study, the student submits a detailed proposal of the project in writing to the supervising faculty member. It must have the approval of the faculty member, the department chair and the university registrar.

Academic Advising

Each student is assigned an academic advisor. Academic advisors assist students in planning a program of study reflecting their interests, abilities, and educational life goals. While the advisor assists the student in monitoring his or her academic progress, it is ultimately the student's responsibility to meet all academic requirements for his or her academic program. Furthermore, students are expected to familiarize themselves with the academic policies provided in the undergraduate catalog and the student handbook.

Registration

Course registration information is available through myEMU (my.emu.edu) and in the printed Undergraduate Schedule of Course Offerings, and is provided to current students prior to each registration period. Students are responsible to consult an advisor prior to their initial registration for an upcoming semester. Students should also consult an advisor prior to making any schedule changes for assistance in understanding the impact the change may have on their progress toward graduation.

Students changing from full-time to part-time status who are receiving financial aid are required to notify the financial assistance office.

Students enrolled with an F-1 visa must maintain full-time enrollment and should see the International Student Advisor with any related questions.

New courses may be added through the fifth day of classes in the semester.

Courses may be dropped with no grade through the end of the fourth week of the semester. Courses dropped during the fifth through ninth weeks will be recorded with a W (withdrawal) grade. No course may be dropped after the ninth week of the semester. If a student does not receive a passing grade in a course which has not been dropped, an F grade will be assigned.

Part-Time Enrollment

Part-time status is defined as a course load of 11 SH or fewer per semester. Admission to the university (see "Requirements for Admission," page 203) is required in order to enroll for six or more semester hours. Students may register for fewer than six hours by completing the necessary registration form available at the university registrar's office.

Auditing

Matriculated as well as non-matriculated students may audit lecture classes, provided they register and pay fees. Classes with a

laboratory component (e.g. art, computer, physical activity, music performance and lab science courses) may be audited only with written approval of the instructor. Regular attendance, preparation and examination are not required, and the student receives no credit. The audited course appears on the student's transcript with an "AU" grade. If a student chooses to test out of a course previously audited, full tuition will be charged. Audit-to-credit changes must be made by the last day to add classes. Credit-to-audit changes must be made by the last day to drop a class without record.

Senior Citizen Participation

The university welcomes senior citizens 62 years of age or older to attend classes by permission of instructor without registration.

Withdrawal from the University Between Semesters

Students who do not plan to return to the university after the end of a semester should complete the form for non-returning students (available in the university registrar's office).

A student who is not enrolled at EMU for one semester or more must complete an application for readmission prior to re-enrollment.

Withdrawal from the University During a Semester

Students desiring to withdraw while a semester is in progress must counsel with their advisor and the vice president for student life. An application for withdrawal must be obtained from the vice president for student life and the proper signatures secured before the student leaves campus. Otherwise, the student will forfeit the right to an honorable withdrawal and to possible refunds.

A student who withdraws must complete an application for readmission prior to re-enrollment.

Medical Leave: Students who need to be absent from the university due to a medical condition may apply for a Medical Leave by contacting the vice president for student life, completing a Medical Leave application form, and providing documentation from a licensed medical provider. Those hospitalized or otherwise unable to complete the form may have the application completed by a parent/spouse/guardian and/or the vice president for student life. A medical leave committee will review the request. If granted, all active courses that the student is unable to complete will be assigned a grade of W. The student may be on Medical Leave for up to two semesters without needing to re-apply for admission. The student on Medical Leave may return based on approval by the medical leave committee after submitting appropriate documentation from his or her medical provider indicating fitness to return.

Retroactive withdrawal may be requested by a student who has experienced exceptional circumstances (such as extraordinary medical or personal problems) during a semester. Within two years of having completed such a semester, a student may petition the vice president for student life to withdraw retroactively from all classes taken during the term. The petition must include clear and documented evidence. If retroactive withdrawal is granted all grades taken during the term in question will be changed to Ws.

Academic Forgiveness Policy

Students who are readmitted to EMU after an absence from enrollment at any college or university for at least four successive semesters may request that their entire EMU record be re-evaluated as a transfer record. To qualify, the student must: a) earn a 2.0 GPA for the first 12 SH following re-enrollment, and b) submit a written request to the Admissions Committee. The following regulations govern this option:

- The request must be made within 60 days after completing the first 12 SH of credit following readmission.
- The option will be granted only once to a student.
- Eligible students will receive degree credit for only those courses in which grades of C- or better were earned prior to readmission.
- Quality points earned for all courses completed prior to readmission will not be included in calculating the new cumulative GPA.
- All grades will remain on the transcript.

Class Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes regularly, although attendance policies in specific courses are left to the discretion of the respective professor. Students are responsible for all work missed during absences.

If a student has not attended a class for a period of two weeks, and has not discussed the absence with the instructor or provided verification of a justified absence due to illness, family emergency, etc., the university registrar may administratively withdraw the student from the course. Such action will be taken in consultation with the undergraduate academic dean. Efforts will be made to contact the student prior to an administrative withdrawal. The withdrawal date will reflect the final date the student attended the class, according to instructor records.