The Fresh Start Program offers eligible students seeking readmission to Lehman College the opportunity to return to the College and begin their GPA anew. Under the Fresh Start Program, students whose cumulative GPA does not meet Lehman College’s academic standard and who earned no more than 45 indexable credits during their initial enrollment at the College will have none of their previous Lehman College coursework counted toward the computation of their grade point average. The following reinstated students may qualify for the Lehman College Fresh Start Program:

- Students who have either completed an associate’s degree and have earned a minimum GPA of 2.75 or have earned 45 credits at an accredited institution following their initial enrollment at the College with a minimum GPA of 2.75;
- Students who have not attended a college or university for 5 or more years.

Terms of the Fresh Start Program:

- Upon acceptance of an appeal for readmission, students who meet the above criteria will be invited to apply to the program by the Committee on Admissions and Standing.
- Admission to the program is at the discretion of the Committee. Decisions are final and may not be appealed.
- Upon acceptance to the Fresh Start Program all previously earned grades will be removed from the calculation of the index but will remain visible on the transcript. A notation will indicate students’ enrollment in the Fresh Start Program.
- Students accepted to the program must adhere to a Fresh Start Program Contract which requires regular meetings with an assigned academic advisor as well as the utilization of campus support services.
- Fresh Start Program participants must comply with all residency requirements for the College following their acceptance to the program, which stipulate the completion of at least 30 credits of coursework at Lehman, including at least half the number of credits in the student’s major and half in the minor or half of the credits in an interdisciplinary program.
- Students who fail to meet the academic standards of the College following their acceptance to the program will be subject to the policies governing dismissal as outlined in the College Bulletin.
- The Fresh Start Program may be implemented only once during a student’s academic career at Lehman.
- Credits earned prior to the Fresh Start Program will be treated as transfer credits. As such, all grades removed from the index under the Fresh Start Program guidelines will not be used in the calculation of any indices.