Students may find it necessary to interrupt progress toward their degrees, leave Chapman and decide to return at a later date.

If a student leaves the university in good standing or on academic probation and is absent no more than four consecutive regular semesters (excluding interterm and summer session) the student will not need to reapply and will retain the right to elect either 1) general education and major/degree requirements in effect for that student at the time of leaving Chapman or 2) adopt requirements in effect at the time of re-entrance.

If a student leaves in good standing or on academic probation and is gone more than four consecutive regular semesters, the student will not need to reapply and will automatically be assigned the catalog requirements in effect at the time of return. Students may request a return to their original catalog; such requests will be reviewed and decided upon by the academic department/school. All decisions made by the academic department/school are final.

Veterans receiving an honorable discharge, who left in order to perform military services will be readmitted with the same academic status he or she had when last in attendance at Chapman University. The length of absence from Chapman University cannot exceed five years.

Students returning to Chapman may select their major/minor so long as:
  1. The major is still being offered by Chapman University.
  2. The major is not an impacted major calling for selective admission.
  3. The major has not had significant changes due to regulatory requirements.

Students seeking to return within two years of dismissal must submit their request to be reinstated to the Academic Standards Committee via the Office of the Registrar; students seeking to return after being gone 2+ years from the time of dismissal must reapply for admission via the Office of Admission.

All students returning after dismissal or on probation will be placed in a probation status.

If students take coursework during their absence, they must provide official transcripts of that work to the Registrar’s Office upon re-enrollment. Students who have been away from the University for more than five years must provide official transcripts from all institutions ever attended. Non-satisfactory performance may nullify the student’s ability to re-enroll. To expedite this process please submit official transcripts in the original sealed envelopes with this form.

Students should refer to the Undergraduate Degree Requirements and Transfer Credit Policy associated with their catalog year to determine residency credit requirements and the number of transfer credits allowed towards their degree requirements.