

Academic Policies

Academic Warning, Probation, Suspension, and Dismissal

In order to maintain satisfactory progress toward a degree and remain in good standing with the College, a student must meet certain minimum academic standards. The evaluation of a student's performance is an on-going process and will be assessed at the end of each Fall and Spring Semester. The information in the chart below will serve as a guide to the decision making process as to the student's status in the following semester.

Total Credit Hours Attempted (with a minimum of 9 credit hours passed in most recent term)	Desired G.P.A.	Academic Warning	Academic Probation
12-30 credits	2.00 or higher	1.99 to 1.51	1.50 or less
31-60 credits	2.00 or higher	1.99 to 1.61	1.60 or less
61-90 credits	2.00 or higher	1.99 to 1.81	1.80 or less
91-120+ credits	2.00 or higher	1.99 to 1.91	1.90 or less

In order to continue in good standing a student must pass a minimum of nine (9) credits and attain a 2.00 G.P.A. during a regular semester. The status of academic warning is applied whenever a student's cumulative G.P.A. is less than 2.00 but higher than the probation level. The status of academic probation is applied in accordance with the performance levels indicated in the chart above. Any student who earns below a 1.20 grade point average for any semester shall be placed on academic probation. A student who has a semester grade point average below 1.00 and who has passed fewer than nine credits is subject to academic suspension.

Students who are on academic warning must adhere to the following:

- Enroll in 12 – 16 credit hours;
- Repeat all failed courses that are part of SAGE or are required for their major as offered;
- Meet with their academic advisor at least once per month during the semester; and,
- Attend “How to Get Good Grades” short course.

Students on academic probation must adhere to the following:

- Enroll in 12-16 credit hours;
- Repeat all failed courses that are part of SAGE or are required for their major as offered;
- Meet with their academic advisor at least once per month during the semester;
- Develop a written contract (academic plan) for the semester in consultation with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and their advisor. This plan must be filed with the Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs no later than the tenth day of classes in the semester.
- May not be eligible to participate in any major extracurricular activity, e.g.; intercollegiate athletics, drama productions, offices and standing Student Association committees, and musical organizations; and,
- Attend “How to Get Good Grades” short course

Students who have not regained good academic standing (as defined above) at the end of the semester for which they have been placed on academic probation are subject to suspension. The Faculty Executive Committee makes the final determination of the student's status. In lieu of academic suspension, this committee may, based on a review of the relevant academic records, elect to place certain students on continued academic probation for the next full (Fall or Spring) semester.

Students suspended at the end of the fall semester may not attend during the spring semester. Students suspended at the end of the spring semester may not attend the fall semester. Students suspended for a second time are subject to permanent dismissal from the college.

Students who are readmitted after having been placed on academic suspension, but who fail to make acceptable progress towards achieving the minimum G.P.A. needed to regain good academic standing (as defined above), are subject to permanent academic dismissal. Students who fail to make reasonable progress toward the degree are also subject to dismissal. The Faculty Executive Committee makes these decisions. Appeal of the Committee's decision must be made in writing to the Dean of the College. Appeals must be received in the Office of Academic Affairs within two weeks of the student's receipt of formal notification of suspension or dismissal.

Any student suspended under the academic probation regulations may appeal the action to the Office of Academic Affairs, which considers each request on the basis of merit and probability of likely academic success.

Students who have been suspended for any of the above reasons may apply for readmittance after the period of suspension is over by submitting an application to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The application for readmission may be obtained from the registrar's office. The completed application, which must be accompanied by a \$100 deposit, is returned to the registrar's office. The deposit is non-refundable even if the applicant cancels. Students who are readmitted after being formally separated from the College as the result of being placed on academic suspension must satisfy the graduation and program requirements as specified in the catalog that is in effect at the time of readmission.