

# Academic Progress Standards

## Standards of Progress Policy

### Required Cumulative GPA Levels

Hours Attempted	GPA Required	Status If Successful	Status If Not Successful
12-21 Credit Hours	1.5	Clear	Probation
22-32 Credit Hours	1.75	Clear	Probation
33 or More Hours	2.0	Clear	Probation

*NOTE: All applicable academic designations except Clear will appear on the student's transcript.*

**Required Cumulative GPA Levels**, defines the consequence of failure to comply with the Standards of Academic Progress. Students who meet or exceed the Standards of Academic Progress are defined as having "Clear Academic Status."

### Academic Probation

At the conclusion of any academic term, those students who have not met the minimum Academic Standards of Progress are placed on Academic Probation. Academic Probation is a warning that is intended to put the individual student on notice that his/her academic performance has fallen below the Academic Standards of Progress as summarized in the **Academic Probation** table below. If the student wishes to continue and eventually graduate, the condition that caused the Academic Probation must be satisfied and the student must return to Clear Academic Status. The Academic Probation table defines what the student must accomplish in order to attain clear academic status. A transfer student admitted with less than a 2.0 overall GPA is automatically placed on Academic Probation for their first semester.

**Required GPA not achieved, but current semester GPA 2.0 or over** Academic Probation continues  
**Required GPA not achieved and current semester GPA Under 2.0.** Suspension for one semester (may be appealed)

### Academic Suspension for One Semester

In order for a student on Academic Probation to clear probation, his/her cumulative GPA must meet the standard. A student on Academic Probation whose academic performance during the next semester is 2.0 or higher but the cumulative GPA is not sufficient to allow that student to meet the Academic Standards of Progress is allowed to continue enrollment but will remain on Academic Probation. A student whose academic performance during the next semester is below 2.0 will be placed on suspension for one semester. After the one-semester suspension, the student is allowed to return to school on Academic Probation. A student who feels that extenuating circumstances resulted in his/her poor academic performance has the right to appeal the academic suspension. **Suspension for One Semester** table below summarizes the appeal process.

Student Action	Student Status	Status Upon Readmission
No appeal filed	Serves suspension	Academic Probation
Appeal successful	Readmitted	Academic Probation

### Academic Suspension for One Calendar Year

A student readmitted after having served a one-semester suspension, or whose period of suspension was successfully appealed, will be subject to a one-calendar-year suspension if their semester GPA falls below 2.0. If the student's semester GPA is 2.0 or higher, but the cumulative GPA remains below 2.0, the student's enrollment status will remain on Academic Probation. A student who feels that extenuating circumstances resulted in his/her poor academic performance has the right to appeal the academic suspension.

# Re-Admission after Having Been Suspended

(Whether suspension served or Readmitted Upon Appeal)

<b>Required GPA for hours attempted not achieved but current term GPA 2.0</b>	Student Remains on Academic Probation
<b>Required GPA for hours attempted not achieved current semester GPA under 2.0</b>	Student suspended for one year. (This suspension may be appealed, and, if successful, the student will be readmitted on Academic Probation. If appeal is unsuccessful, student serves suspension and will be readmitted on academic probation.)

## Appeal of Academic Suspension

A student who is suspended for one semester or one calendar year may request consideration for readmission by submitting a letter outlining extenuating circumstances resulting in poor academic performance. The letter must be submitted to the Campus Director of Student Services no later than the day of registration for the requested readmission term. Appeals submitted after the deadline will not be considered until the next academic term. The Director of Student Services will convene an academic appeals committee consisting of Campus Division Chairs on the day classes begin for the term to review the student's petition for readmission. The Director of Student Services will attempt to notify the student by phone with the Committee's decision. An official letter stating the committee's decision will be issued to the student. If the student disagrees with the committee's decision, a written appeal may be submitted immediately to the appropriate Collegewide Associate Dean (Academic Transfer, Career Technical, or Health Sciences). The appropriate Associate Dean will make the final decision, either confirming or reversing the committee's recommendation no later than noon on the last scheduled day of late registration. The Associate Dean will attempt to notify the student by phone of the final decision. An official letter stating the decision will also be issued to the student. If the student's petition for readmission is denied at all levels, the student must serve the remainder of the suspension (one term or one year).

If the committee determines to allow the student readmission without serving the period of suspension, the transcript will read "Suspended One Semester (or One Calendar Year)/Readmitted Upon Appeal." The student is readmitted on academic probation.

NOTE: Title IV financial aid recipients must meet additional satisfactory academic progress (SAP) requirements.

NOTE: Financial aid recipients who are readmitted upon appeal must also appeal to the Financial Assistance Committee for reinstatement of financial aid awards.