

POLICY ON ACADEMIC PROGRESS, SUSPENSION AND DISMISSAL

Introduction: A policy of academic review of student performance has been developed to assist students, academic advisors and/or faculty in making decisions about enrollment and planning. The policy is a means of students being accountable or responsible for their own academic progress with faculty guidance. Further, the policies have been established to assist students in making academic progress towards graduation within 4 years. Lastly, the policies here are important to the academic integrity of the institution and help maintain the standards of performance expected of students and faculty.

Graduation Requirements: A student must complete a minimum of 124 credit hours, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 and no more than 25 percent of earned credit by a grade of “D” in order to graduate from the University. Some Colleges or programs within the University may have stricter graduation requirements. Students are advised to carefully read graduation requirements for the college and/or program of their interest. (For additional requirements see the *Catalog of Studies*, pages 40-41 and additional requirements for each College). The Policy on Academic Progress has been written to direct student performance necessary for graduation from the University.

Definition of Terms:

Good Academic Standing: A student is considered in good academic standing if his/her cumulative grade point average is above a minimum (as defined below) required for sufficient academic progress towards a degree.

Academic Warning: A student will receive an academic warning signifying that their cumulative grade point average is below a level acceptable for good academic standing and that they are not making sufficient academic progress at that time. Academic warnings are not recorded upon the permanent transcript. A student can continue with an academic warning if their cumulative grade point average stays below an acceptable minimum for good standing, but above a level which would result in academic suspension.

Academic Suspension: A student who has received an academic warning and not improved their cumulative grade point average, and whose cumulative grade point average is below a specific level will be given an academic suspension from full-time enrollment and will be placed in a limited enrollment status to improve performance. Alternatively, he/she may take an academic leave of 1 year from regular classes at the University of Arkansas. After successfully completing a period of limited enrollment, an academically suspended student will regain full-time enrollment status and continued status of academic warning. A student on academic suspension who has taken on academic leave is eligible for readmission.

Academic Dismissal: A student who has had an academic warning and who has been suspended, and did not improve his/her cumulative grade point average above a minimum for academic suspension and continued academic progress will receive an academic dismissal from the University of Arkansas. A student who has been dismissed may appeal to the faculty Academic Standards Committee for readmission.

In all of these policy statements, the term "University" refers to the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Policy:

A student must keep in mind that an academic warning, suspension, and dismissal becomes effective at the end of the semester or term in which the student fails to attain the required minimum cumulative grade point average. Although a student will normally receive official notification of such action, such notice is not a requisite to an academic warning. However, no student will be suspended or dismissed without prior notification. It is the student's responsibility to ascertain his or her academic status after the close of the semester.

Individual degree programs may have academic requirements for continuation in the program at higher levels than those presented below and students may be dismissed from a degree program without being dismissed from either the College or University. A student should be familiar with this/her degree program requirements. The following policy is a general policy for academic standing at the University.

1. Academic Standing: The academic standing of a student is determined according the number of completed credit hours and the cumulative grade point average following the table below.

Cumulative Number of Earned Credit Hours	Minimum Grade Point for Good Academic Standing	Grade Point for Academic Warning	Grade Point for Academic Suspension or Dismissal after an Academic Warning
	<u>Cumulative Grade Point Average</u>		
1 - 16	1.50	Less Than 1.50	- -
17 - 32	1.60	Less Than 1.60	Less Than 1.50
33 - 45	1.75	Less Than 1.75	Less Than 1.60
46 - 60	1.90	Less Than 1.90	Less Than 1.75
More than 60	2.00	Less Than 2.00	Less Than 2.00

2. Academic Warning A student will receive an academic warning any time his/her cumulative grade point average is below the minimum required for good academic standing. A student can continue in an academic warning status if his/her cumulative grade point average is above that for suspension or dismissal for the number of credit hours he/she has completed but below the minimum required for good academic standing. No student will be suspended without at least one semester of academic warning immediately prior to the suspension.

Students with an academic warning status should not carry more than 12 course hours per semester (unless recommended by the academic advisor and approved by the Dean of the College in which the student is enrolled).

A transfer student may be admitted with a cumulative grade point average less than required for good academic standing by the Campus Faculty Committee on Admissions and Transfer of Credit.

3. Academic Suspension: After receiving an academic warning, a student must demonstrate improved academic progress to have the academic warning removed and achieve good academic standing or the student will be academically suspended from full-time enrollment and will be placed in a limited-enrollment status, or the student must take academic suspension leave of one calendar year.

An Academically Suspended student will be placed in a limited enrollment status the semester immediately following the close of the term or semester which resulted in the suspension. During the period of limited enrollment, the student may enroll in no more than 9 credit hours of course work which must be recommended by his/her academic advisor and approved by the Dean of the College which the student plans to re-enter at the University.

No student will be academically suspended unless they have first received at least one semester of academic warning immediately prior to the suspension.

4. Eligibility of a Suspended Student for Readmission: A student who has been academically suspended from the University may be returned to full-time status or admitted if they meet one of the following criteria:

(A) Continued limited enrollment status: A student on academic suspension and limited enrollment status who has completed a minimum of 6 credit hours of course work or correspondence courses from the University with a minimum of a "C" grade in each course taken during the semester suspension and limited enrollment will have the academic suspension removed and be restored to full-time student status. Courses must be selected on the recommendation of the student's academic advisor and approved by Dean of the College which the student plans to re-enter at the University.

(B) Academic Leave An academically suspended student may take academic leave of one calendar year after the close of the term or semester which resulted in the suspension after which they will be readmitted to the University. A student returning to the University after an academic suspension leave must apply to the University for readmission.

A student who has attended another institution during an academic suspension and since their last attendance at the University must meet the same admission requirements as a transfer student, and must present a 2.00 on all college work attempted at the other institution (see transfer of credit policy in *Catalog of Studies, page 16*).

5. Continuation after an Academic Suspension: A student who returns to full-time enrollment status, or returns to the University after an academic suspension leave is continued with a status of academic warning until the cumulative grade point average is above the minimum for good academic standing. The student must make a semester grade-point average of at least 2.00 for each semester until the student is removed from academic warning status; failure to do so will result in academic dismissal.

6. Academic Dismissal A student who has been previously academically suspended and does not maintain the minimum semester grade point average of at least 2.00 and improve the cumulative grade point average above the level of suspension will be academically dismissed. No student will

be dismissed unless they have been previously academically suspended.

7. Readmission of an Academically Dismissed Student A student who has been academically dismissed may re-enter the University after appeal to and favorable action by the Academic Standards Committee. Correspondence courses taken through the Department of Independent Study at the University by a student who has been academically dismissed may be submitted as evidence of academic competence on a petition to the Academic Standards Committee for readmission. If readmitted, the student may receive degree credit for such course work.

8. Continuation after Readmission from Dismissal A student who re-enters the University by favorable action of the Academic Standards Committee after an academic dismissal is continued with a status of academic warning until the cumulative grade point average is above the minimum for good academic standing. The student must make a semester grade-point average of at least 2.00 for each semester until the student is removed from Academic Warning Status; failure to do so will result in a second academic dismissal. A second academic dismissal is for 5 years after which a student must reapply for admission in the University and may apply for Academic Bankruptcy (see page 18, *Catalog of Studies*).

9. Colleges or programs have the discretion to increase the academic standards above that presented above to remain in the program. Those standards are printed in the *Catalog of Studies* with the individual programs.