Academic Standing

Probation, Dismissal, and Minimum Progress

The following provisions apply to all undergraduates. Graduate and professional students with scholarship deficiencies are subject to action at the discretion of the Division of Graduate Studies.

A. Academic Probation

An undergraduate student is placed on academic probation if one of the following occurs:
(1) The student's semester grade point average is less than 2.0, or
(2) The student's cumulative University of California grade point average is less than 2.0.

Probation Status: Academic review occurs at the end of each academic semester. When a student is placed on academic probation, the university notifies the student, and the student's transcript states "Academic Probation" for the affected semester. While on academic probation, the student is under the supervision of his/her School or advising unit.

Removal from Declared Major: A student on probation may be removed from a declared major or changed to Undeclared due to failure to meet the particular standards or fulfill specific requirements that the student's School may impose. If the student is removed from a declared major or changed to Undeclared, the student may apply to be reinstated to a School as follows:

Lower Division Students (fewer than 60 units earned at the end of the semester in which the student applies) must meet these requirements:

- Cumulative University of California grade point average of at least 2.0
- Current semester grade point average of at least 2.0
- Major grade point average of 2.0-2.5 (minimum varies by School)
- Completion of all lower division major courses with grades of C- or higher

Upper Division Students (greater than 60 units earned at the end of the semester in which the student applies) must meet the requirements listed above for Lower Division students and must also complete 8-16 units (minimum varies by School) of upper division major requirements.

Return to Good Standing: Once a student has met grade point average standards listed above, the student's academic status returns to regular academic standing.

B. Academic Dismissal

An undergraduate student is subject to academic dismissal from the university if one of the following occurs:

(1) The student has been on academic probation for two or more semesters and the student's cumulative grade point average is less than 2.0, or

(2) The student's semester grade point average is less than 1.5 and the student's cumulative grade point average is less than 2.0.

Academic Dismissal Appeals: A student not previously on probation who earns a semester grade point average below 1.5 is offered the opportunity to appeal dismissal. The student who is subject to academic dismissal and does not complete the appeal process as prescribed is automatically dismissed. The student whose appeal is approved returns on probation and is under the supervision of the appropriate School or advising unit.

Dismissal Status: When a student is academically dismissed, the university notifies the student, and the student's official transcript states "Academic Dismissal" for the affected semester.

Note: A student who is academically dismissed may return after fulfilling reinstatement requirements.

C. Minimum Progress

An undergraduate student is subject to administrative probation if the student does not complete a minimum of 24 University of California units during an academic year, including summer.

Return to Good Standing: Once the student has completed 24 units during a subsequent academic year, the student's minimum progress status returns to good standing.

Note: Minimum unit completion does not apply to part-time students or to students who have a Dean's approval to carry fewer units than the minimum progress load (reasons may include medical disability, employment, a serious personal problem, a recent death in the immediate family, the primary responsibility for the care of a family, or a serious accident involving the student).

Transfer with Scholastic Deficiencies

To transfer from one campus of the University to another, or from one School to another on the same campus, a student who has been academically disqualified or is on academic probation must obtain the approval of the dean to whose jurisdiction the student seeks to transfer.

Graduate Students

Graduate students desiring readmission, reinstatement, or termination of leaves of absence (other than an approved planned educational leave) should contact the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies. Graduate students who wish to register after a break in enrollment must petition for reinstatement with the Office of the Registrar. Reinstatement is not automatic and requires the approval of the chair of the student's graduate group and the Dean of Graduate Studies. The student's record will be evaluated in terms of academic performance and timely completion of the degree. Students who wish to reinstate and have exceeded the time limit for completion of the master's and/or doctoral degrees must also submit a plan and timetable for degree completion to their academic program chair and the Dean of Graduate Studies for review and approval.

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