Maintenance of Academic Standards: Probation and Dismissal (Revised)

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Revised Language:

The following underlined language has been added to the “Maintenance of Academic Standards: Probation and Dismissal:”

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A student's scholastic standing at the University is indicated by his or her cumulative grade point average (GPA). Three categories of academic standing have been established: good academic standing, probation, and dismissal. A student remains in good academic standing as long as he or she maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 for all work taken at the University. Probation and dismissal are actions taken by the University when a student's GPA falls below an acceptable level at the end of the fall or spring term.

Conditions of Probation and Dismissal

Probation is defined as a trial period during which a student whose cumulative average has fallen below acceptable standards must bring his or her average up to those standards or be dismissed from the University.

An academic review is conducted at the end of each fall and spring semester, and at the end of the second summer session. Students are placed on probation or returned to good academic standing depending upon their cumulative GPA. Students may be dismissed from the university only at the end of the fall or spring semester. The University will notify, in writing, each student who goes on academic probation or who is dismissed for academic reasons.

A. Students earning a 0.00 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) at the end of their first semester of full-time enrollment will be dismissed from the University.
B. Any other student falling below the 2.00 CGPA standard will be placed on probation for one full-time semester (12 credits). A notice of probation shall be printed on the student’s transcript, and the University will notify the student, in writing, that he/she is in danger of dismissal. The student who is placed on probation must see his/her adviser and develop an Academic Recovery Plan (ARP). It is the student’s responsibility to contact the adviser and schedule an appointment to complete an ARP (see below).
C. Any student still below the 2.00 CGPA standard after one full-time semester of probation is subject to dismissal. A student may petition to receive extended probation. The special assistant for academic policy may grant one semester of extended probation to a student who (1) has made progress toward academic good standing while following
his/her Academic Recovery Plan, and (2) has a reasonable mathematical chance of reaching a CGPA of 2.00 after one additional semester on probation.

D. Any student who is still below the 2.00 CGPA standard after one full-time semester of extended probation (two consecutive full-time semesters on probation) will be dismissed. If the student went from full-time to part-time status as part of his/her Academic Recovery Plan, a third semester of probation may be permitted, provided that the student has had a semester GPA higher than 2.00 each semester since being placed on academic probation.

E. Any student who regains good academic standing, but again falls below the 2.00 CGPA standard, will be placed on probation and given a maximum of 12 credits to return to good academic standing. A student may be placed on probation no more than twice; placement on probation for a third time will result in immediate dismissal from the University.