



**Title of Policy: Academic Standing Policy**

**Policy (check one):** New \_\_\_\_\_ Revised X Reformatted \_\_\_\_\_

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

Faculty X Staff X Students X

Division/Department Student Affairs College X

**Topic/Issue:**

**Academic Standing**

This policy applies to all students full and part time.

**Background to Issue/Rationale for Policy:**

The following outlines the changes to the existing “Academic Standing Policy” to increase student success and retention.

**Under the current and revised policy**, a student is considered to be in good academic standing if their cumulative GPA is a 2.00 or above. If a student’s cumulative GPA is below a 2.00, they are no longer in good standing and need to raise their cumulative GPA to 2.0 or higher.

**Under the current policy** a student whose cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0 is placed on Academic Warning and has one semester to raise their cumulative GPA to a 2.0 or higher. If a student cannot raise their cumulative GPA to a 2.0 or higher, they are dismissed from the College and required to sit out a semester before they can be reviewed for reinstatement.

**The policy is revised to include "Probation"** as a “retention” step prior to a student being dismissed from the College. Additionally, the requirement of bringing the **cumulative** GPA to a 2.0 after being placed on warning was changed to requiring the **term** GPA to be a 2.0. Both changes allow students an opportunity to receive support to remain in college and graduate. As well, the move to include a “probation category” will positively impact retention.

The revised policy further outlines the requirements for students who have been academically dismissed and wish to be reinstated immediately to the College. The new procedure requires a petition to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and review of the petition by the Academic Standing Review Committee. This committee will determine if the student can return to the College and what requirements are necessary for the return.

## State/Federal Regulatory Requirements:

None

## Policy Language:

Academic Standing is computed using a student's cumulative GPA Divisor Hours and Cumulative Grade Point Average based on grade processing at the end of the semester. A student is considered to be in good standing if his/her cumulative grade point average is 2.0 or higher. A student is placed on academic warning or probation based upon the following credit and grade point average (GPA) ranges:

Cumulative GPA Divisor Hours	Warning GPA	Probation GPA
1 to 15	0.0 to 1.99	- - -
16 to 30	1.4 to 1.99	0.00 to 1.39
31 to 45	1.6 to 1.99	0.00 to 1.59
46 to 59	1.8 to 1.99	0.00 to 1.79
60+	1.9 to 1.99	0.00 to 1.89

Students on warning are no longer in good academic standing. Students may remain on warning in succeeding semesters and are alerted that they must improve their GPA to meet graduation requirements.

Students are placed on probation if their term GPA and cumulative GPA are both below a 2.0. Students may remain on probation provided they earn a minimum of 2.0 Term GPA each succeeding term of attendance until a status of warning or good standing is achieved.

Dismissal occurs when a student who is on probation fails to earn a 2.0 Term GPA or higher in his/her next semester of attendance.

The Academic Standing Review Committee reviews students' progress on warning and probation and recommends retention activities that will assist them in achieving academic success. The Academic Standing Review Committee is a 3-person committee made up of one Dean representative, one academic advisor representative, and the VPAA or designee, who will chair the Committee.

Students on either warning or probation should contact the Office of Financial Aid to determine the impact to their financial aid status.

Students who are on warning or probation and in selective admissions programs should contact the Dean of their program to determine their status in the program.

## **Reinstatement to the College Following Academic Dismissal**

Students who have been academically dismissed from the College and want to immediately appeal their dismissal may submit their appeal request to the Academic Standing Review Committee. The Committee will review the appeal and provide a decision within 3 business days.

After one semester of separation, students can petition the Academic Standing Review Committee for reinstatement. Petitions must be received in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at least two weeks prior to the start of the expected semester of return. Decisions on reinstatement will be made by the committee and students will be notified of the decision within 3 business days.

Once a student is reinstated, they must meet with an academic advisor in the Student Success Center to determine their semester schedule and retention activities. Students reinstated following academic dismissal will be placed on academic probation and will need to earn a 2.0 Term GPA or higher in their next semester or risk being academically dismissed again.

Students who are denied reinstatement may reapply to the College prior to the start of the following semester.

**Implementation Date:** April 1, 2021

**Proposed by:** Student Affairs and Academic Affairs

**Approved by the Board of Trustees:** March 17, 2021

***\*This policy once approved by the Board of Trustees supersedes all other policies.***