

# Academic Probation, Suspension and Dismissal

A student's academic status at the university is determined at the end of each regular term of enrollment (fall, spring, or summer) on the basis of the student's cumulative and/or term grade-point average (GPA) and number of hours attempted. The student's academic status governs his or her re-enrollment status and determines any conditions associated with re-enrollment or denial of enrollment for a subsequent term. Normally, students are notified of their status individually by the university shortly after the end of each term. However, this policy statement is the formal notification to all students of the conditions that determine academic status and the consequences for each term, regardless of individual notification.

**Good Status:** Upon initial admission and during a student's first term of enrollment, except for students conditionally admitted on academic probation, the student is in good status. A student remains in, or returns to, good academic status at the end of any regular term (spring, summer, fall) when the cumulative GPA is at or above the required minimum of 2.0.

**Academic Probation:** When a student's cumulative grade-point average at the end of any fall, spring, or summer term is less than a 2.00 with more than three cumulative hours attempted, the student will be placed on academic probation.

**First-Year Freshmen:** First-year freshmen who have less than a 2.00 cumulative grade-point average at the end of their first semester of enrollment are considered at risk. During the first six weeks of their second semester, these at risk students must, at a minimum, consult with an academic adviser to develop a plan to get off of probation before being eligible to register for their third semester courses.

**Removal from Academic Probation:** When a student's cumulative GPA at the end of any fall, spring, or summer term is a 2.00 or above, he or she will be removed from academic probation.

**Continuing on Academic Probation:** The semester grade point average a student on academic probation must earn to continue on academic probation and avoid academic suspension depends on the cumulative grade hours attempted as outlined in the academic probation chart below.

## Academic Probation Chart

Cumulative Hours Attempted (excludes grades of W)	Placed on Probation If Cumulative GPA Is:	Continued on Probation If Semester GPA Is:	Removed From Probation If Cumulative GPA Is:
4-30 hours attempted	Less than 2.0	Greater than or equal to 1.8	Greater than or equal to 2.0
Greater than 30 hours attempted	Less than 2.0	Greater than or equal to 2.0	Greater than or equal to 2.0

**Academic Suspension:** A student on academic probation who does not earn the minimum required term GPA will be academically suspended. No student may be academically suspended who has not spent the prior term of enrollment on academic probation. A student on academic suspension will be on academic leave from the university for one major semester

(spring or fall) and all contiguous summer and intersessions from the close of the term which resulted in the academic suspension. Thus, a student academically suspended at the end of the spring semester would not be eligible to enroll until the next spring semester; a student academically suspended at the end of the summer semester would not be eligible to enroll until the following spring term; and a student academically suspended at the end of a fall semester would not be eligible to enroll until the next fall semester. The first enrollment when returning from academic suspension may not be in an intersession.

Students who sit out for one major semester after the term of the academic suspension may apply for readmission to the university.

A student who does not earn credit from another institution may be readmitted on academic probation following academic suspension. A student who earns credit from another institution(s) during or subsequent to the academic suspension must apply to the university for admission as a transfer student and, if readmitted, will be on academic probation following academic suspension. A student readmitted on academic probation after academic suspension must make a semester grade-point average of at least 2.00 for each semester, (fall, spring, or summer) until he or she is removed from probation. Failure to do so will result in academic dismissal.

**Academic Dismissal:** A student who returns to the university after an academic suspension is continued on academic probation following suspension and must make a semester grade-point average of at least 2.00 for each fall, spring, or summer term until he or she is removed from academic probation. Failure to do so will result in academic dismissal.

**Returning after Academic Dismissal:** Students who sit out for at least one full academic year **and** submit at least 12 hours of general education core classes or upper-level classes with at least a 3.0 grade-point average in this coursework will be eligible for automatic readmission from their first academic dismissal. This can be done by taking courses at another regionally accredited institution of higher education. Students meeting these requirements must complete a petition to the Academic Standards Committee (<http://registrar.uark.edu/student-records/academic-standards-committee-petition.php>) and submit official transcripts for all work attempted since being academically dismissed. The petition is to be submitted to the Office of the Registrar (<http://registrar.uark.edu/>) before applying (<http://admissions.uark.edu/>) for readmission.

Students who do not meet these conditions, and students who have been academically dismissed more than once, must petition to the Academic Standards Committee (<http://registrar.uark.edu/student-records/academic-standards-committee-petition.php>) to be considered for readmission. It is strongly recommended that students meet with an academic adviser to develop a plan for returning from academic dismissal. Students approved for readmission from academic dismissal must reapply (<http://admission.uark.edu/>) for admission.

A student who reenters the university by favorable action of the Academic Standards Committee after an academic dismissal is continued on academic probation after academic dismissal and must make a semester grade-point average of at least 2.00 for each semester until the cumulative GPA reaches 2.00 and he or she is removed from academic probation. Failure to do so will result in academic dismissal.

Individual colleges or programs have the discretion to set academic admission and continuation standards for specific programs that are higher than university standards.

## **Waiver of Academic Policies**

The Academic Standards Committee (<http://registrar.uark.edu/student-records/academic-standards-committee-petition.php>), composed of faculty and students, serves as a referral body for matters of academic probation, suspension, dismissal, and other rules and regulations related to academic progress and graduation. Petitions for waiver of academic rules and information on the petitioning process may be obtained on the Office of the Registrar's website (<https://registrar.uark.edu/>). Students should note petitioning deadlines.