

3.9.6 Retention Standards

Students on academic notice shall be required as a condition for continued enrollment to participate in special academic support services. These programs should be available to all students who feel participation will enhance their academic performance and success. Students on academic notice may have

additional limits on their academic load, as defined in policy 3.13.3

A. GPA Requirements

The GPA is calculated as detailed in the State Regents' *Grading* policy.

All students must maintain a 2.0 GPA for the duration of the college experience with the exception of freshmen on freshman academic notice. Students with fewer than 30 credit hours, with a GPA of 1.7 to less than

2.0 will be placed on freshman academic notice. Students on freshman academic notice shall remain on freshman academic notice until their overall GPA is at least a 2.0 or the student earns more than 29 credit hours. Students with more than 29 credit hours, with a GPA of less than 2.0 will be placed on academic probation.

At the end of that semester, the student must have a semester GPA of 2.0 in order to continue as a student. Students not meeting the criteria will be immediately suspended and may not be reinstated until one regular semester (~~fall or spring~~) has elapsed.

Students suspended in the spring semester may attend, at the discretion of the suspending institution, the summer session immediately following spring suspension. However, such students may enroll only in core academic courses which meet the general education requirements or degree requirements. The student's transcript will note suspension at the end of the spring semester. For students who fail to achieve retention standards after the summer session, the phrase "suspension continued" should be entered on the transcript at the end of the summer session. Only students under first-time suspension status at the suspending institution are eligible. To continue in that fall semester, such students must achieve a 2.0 semester GPA or raise their GPA to the required level.

B. Suspension of Seniors

An institution may allow a student with 90 or more hours in a specified degree program who has failed to meet the GPA of 2.0 or the semester GPA of 2.0 to enroll in up to 15 additional semester hours in a further attempt to achieve the GPA requirement. While enrolled in these 15-credit hours of course work, the student must achieve a minimum 2.0 semester GPA during each enrollment or raise the GPA to 2.0 or above. This senior suspension exception can be exercised only once per student. The institution's president or designee may make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

C. Academic Suspension Appeals

Institutions have the discretion to establish an academic suspension appeals procedure. Procedures should allow appropriate discretion in deserving cases.

D. Readmission of Suspended Students

Students who are academically suspended by an institution will not be allowed to reenter the suspending institution for at least one regular semester except as noted above. Institutions Presidents or their designee may grant an exception to this policy in accordance with institutionally developed policies and procedures to guide the readmission of suspended students.

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Reinstatement of Suspended Students at System Institutions

Institutions may develop a special admission procedure for students who are suspended from other system institutions and who would otherwise qualify for admission to the reinstating institution. Such students would be admitted at the discretion of the receiving institution and admission would be provisional. Institutions admitting these students should provide the appropriate academic services to facilitate their success.

