Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

The following summary is intended to simplify and explain the rules and guidelines of the College of Allied Health Sciences’ Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. Our advisers are prepared to assist you in gaining an understanding of these rules and guidelines and encourage you to make an appointment using the Starfish Scheduling System via Blackboard should you need additional clarification or have questions.

Definitions and Policies

Good Academic Standing: Good academic standing is when the student’s cumulative University Grade Point Average (UC GPA) is a 2.5 or higher. Students who have attempted less than 30 UC semester hours will be in Good Standing even if their UC GPA is below 2.5. Once a student has attempted 30 or more semester hours, all University academic rules apply.

Academic Alert: Academic Alert is notification that a student’s academic performance, after the most recent semester or whose UC GPA is below 2.5 regardless of credit hours attempted. Students in this circumstance will receive an Academic Alert email. This email is intended to serve as a reminder that continued below-average academic performance may result in Academic Probation, and possible Academic Suspension. An Academic Alert is not the same as being placed on Academic Probation; it is simply a way to alert the student that academic improvement is necessary.

Academic Probation: Academic Probation is the result of two conditions: (1) the student must have attempted at least 30 UC semester hours, and (2) the student’s cumulative UC GPA has dropped below 2.5. While on Academic Probation, the student must earn a semester GPA of 2.5 or higher. The student will remain on Academic Probation each semester until the UC GPA reaches 2.5 or higher. At that time, the student will be returned to Good Academic Standing. Academic Probation is not posted to the student’s official university transcript. A student may not graduate from the University of Cincinnati while on Academic Probation.

Academic Suspension: Academic Suspension is the result of two conditions: (1) the student is on Academic Probation, and (2) the student fails to earn a semester UC GPA of 2.5 or higher. This is reviewed at the end of every semester. Students who are eligible to transition to another UC College will have one academic semester to do so. The length of the Academic Suspension is one academic year.

Students who are suspended from CAHS with a cumulative UC GPA < 2.0 are also subject to the university’s suspension policy which restricts enrollment while they are suspended.

A student who returns after the mandatory suspension period will be placed on Academic Probation. The student will remain on probation until the cumulative UC GPA has increased to 2.5 or higher. At that time the student will be returned to Good Academic Standing.

Per University policy, readmission after the mandatory one year Academic Suspension is not automatic but requires both the student to submit an Application for Readmission by UC’s posted deadlines and with the approval of the college. At the college’s discretion, college approval may require the student to satisfy certain specified conditions. A student may not graduate from the University of Cincinnati while on Academic Suspension.
Program Dismissal: Program Dismissal is the result of two conditions: (1) the student has been readmitted to the College of Allied Health Sciences following Academic Suspension, and (2) the readmitted student fails to earn a semester GPA of 2.5 or higher. As stated above, a student who has been reinstated after Academic Suspension is on Academic Probation and will remain so until the student’s UC GPA has increased to 2.5 or higher. A student on Academic Probation following Academic Suspension, who fails to earn a 2.5 semester GPA, will face Program Dismissal from the College of Allied Health Sciences.

Once the readmitted student returns to Good Academic Standing (cumulative UC GPA 2.5 or higher), if the cumulative UC GPA ever drops below 2.5, s/he is subject to Program Dismissal. Students, who are subject to Program Dismissal, shall have one semester to transition to another UC college for which h/she is eligible. The student’s CAHS program is closed noting Program Dismissal.

Students who are dismissed from CAHS with a GPA < 2.0 may also be subject to the university’s Academic Dismissal policy which denies all future registration privileges at the University.

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