

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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Scope of Policy & Rationale

Undergraduate baccalaureate and associate degree-seeking students are subject to the academic standing rules addressed in this policy.

Definitions

1. **Academic Term** – A fall, spring, summer I or summer II semester in which a student registers for one or more courses.
2. **Institutional Attempted Hours** – Credit hours in all courses for which a student was enrolled at Temple and earned a letter grade or grade notation, except for WE (Excused Withdrawal).
3. **Academic Good Standing** – A student is in Academic Good Standing if enrolled in a degree-seeking program and not on Academic Dismissal.
4. **Academic Warning** – A student is on Academic Warning when:
 - a) the student's most recent term grade point average (GPA) is less than 2.00; **or**
 - b) the student's cumulative GPA is less than 2.00 prior to accumulating 24 or more Institutional Attempted Hours (or 16 or more Institutional Attempted Hours for an associate degree program) or completing a fourth Academic Term.
5. **Academic Probation** – A student is on Academic Probation when the student's cumulative GPA is less than 2.00 after accumulating 24 or more Institutional Attempted Hours (or 16 or more Institutional Attempted Hours for an associate degree) or completing a fourth Academic Term. First-year and transfer students in the first matriculated semester are not subject to Academic Probation.
6. **Extended Academic Probation** – A student is on Extended Academic Probation when:
 - a) the student was on Academic Probation in the most recently completed Academic Term; **and**
 - b) the student's cumulative GPA is less than 2.00; **and**
 - c) the student's most recent term GPA is 2.50 or higher **or** the student has accumulated fewer than 12 Institutional Attempted Hours after Academic Probation was applied.

Students are eligible for Extended Academic Probation until they have accumulated 24 or more Institutional Attempted Hours after completing the Academic Probation term.

7. Academic Dismissal – A student is on Academic Dismissal when:

- a) the student's cumulative GPA is less than 2.00; **and**
- b) the student was on Academic Probation or Extended Academic Probation in the most recent completed Academic Term; **and**
- c) the student is not eligible for Extended Academic Probation.

8. Academic Recovery – A student on Academic Dismissal can apply to the applicable advising office for Academic Recovery. The status of Academic Recovery is available, upon approved application, provided that the student:

- a) will return no earlier than one calendar year after Academic Dismissal was applied; **and**
- b) has a cumulative GPA that can be raised above 2.00 within two full-time Academic Terms (24-36 Institutional Attempted Hours).

Policy Statement

The university assesses Academic Statuses of Good Standing, Warning, Probation, Dismissal and Recovery based on academic performance following each Academic Term.

A Student in Academic Good Standing or on Academic Warning, Academic Probation, or Extended Academic Probation may enroll in classes and participate in extracurricular activities, including clubs, organizations, and intercollegiate athletics.

A student on Academic Warning or Academic Probation or a student who is granted Academic Recovery status must meet with an advisor to discuss their academic standing and scheduling of courses. A student on Academic Warning will be able to self-register after this meeting; a student on Academic Probation or Academic Recovery must be registered by their advisor.

A student on Academic Dismissal for the first time may appeal to reverse the Dismissal and return on Extended Academic Probation.

Academic Dismissal

- **A student on Academic Dismissal for the first time has three options:**

- 1. Apply for Academic Recovery through their respective advising unit to return no earlier than one calendar year from the date of Academic Dismissal. To be approved, the student must have a cumulative GPA that can be raised above 2.00 within two full-time Academic Terms (24-36 Institutional Attempted Hours).

A student granted Academic Recovery status must complete for a grade a minimum of six (6) credit hours and achieve a term GPA of 2.00 or higher in each of the terms they are registered. Students enrolling full time are eligible for Academic Recovery for a maximum of two (2) Academic Terms (24-36 Institutional Attempted Hours). Students enrolling part time in one or more terms are eligible for Academic Recovery for a maximum of four (4) Academic Terms or having accumulated 24 or more Institutional Attempted Hours. Course overloads are not permitted.

A student who achieves a cumulative GPA above 2.00 will be removed from Academic Recovery and returned to Academic Good Standing.

A student on Academic Recovery will be Academically Dismissed for a second time if:

- a) the student does not complete for a grade a minimum of six (6) credit hours; **or**
- b) the student's term GPA is less than 2.00; **or**
- c) the student's cumulative GPA is less than 2.00 after accumulating 24-36 Institutional Attempted Hours.

A student may return under Academic Recovery one time. In the event a student is removed from Academic Recovery after achieving a cumulative GPA above 2.00, but is subsequently Academically Dismissed for a second time, the student may apply to return under Academic Forgiveness.

2. Apply for Academic Forgiveness (Policy # 02.10.17) through their respective advising unit to return no earlier than three calendar years (or not less than two calendar years if they have completed 15 transferable credits elsewhere with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher) from the date of Academic Dismissal.

A student may return under Academic Forgiveness one time. In the event a student is subsequently Academically Dismissed for a second time, the student may apply to return under Academic Recovery.

3. Appeal to reverse the Dismissal and return on Extended Academic Probation. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the designated committee and must include relevant information (change of grade, verifiable medical condition, or other extenuating circumstances) to support the appeal.

If the committee reverses the Dismissal, the student is eligible to return on Extended Academic Probation and may enroll in classes immediately upon notification of an approved appeal.

Students are eligible for Extended Academic Probation for one term. Students who do not achieve a cumulative GPA above 2.00 after this term will be Academically Dismissed and are not eligible to appeal again.

- **A student on Academic Dismissal for the second time has one of the following two options:**

1. If the student was dismissed after Academic Recovery, the student may apply for Academic Forgiveness through their respective advising unit not less than three calendar years (or not less than two calendar years if they have completed 15 transferable credits elsewhere with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher) from the date of the second Academic Dismissal.
2. If the student was dismissed after Academic Forgiveness, the student may apply for Academic Recovery through their respective advising unit not less than one calendar year from the date of the second Academic Dismissal. To be approved, the student must have a cumulative GPA that can be raised above 2.00 within two full-time Academic Terms (24-36 attempted credit hours).

- **A student on Academic Dismissal for the third time may not return to Temple University.**

Notes

1. Dates of official enactment and amendments

Adopted by the President on June 12, 2003.

Amended by the President on September 7, 2006. Effective immediately.

Amended by the President on September 26, 2007. Effective immediately.

Amended by the President on August 1, 2011. Effective May 16, 2011(Summer Session I).

Beginning May 10, 2012 (End of Spring Semester 2012), students will be dismissed when they fail to complete English 0701, English 0802, IH 0851, IH 0852, and Math 0701 or other equivalent versions of these courses in the requisite number of times per Policy

02.10.12, Repeating a Course.

Amended by the President on May 18, 2012. Beginning end of Spring Semester 2012 and applying retroactively to end of Fall 2011 semester, admitted transfer students in first matriculated semester and who are registered for 18 or fewer credits and whose semester grade point average is less than 2.0 will be applied the status of warning.

Amended by the President on June 1, 2015, to be effective immediately; students on Academic Dismissal status at the end of the 2012 spring semester are eligible to apply for Academic Recovery status, if necessary, or return to such other academic status as permitted by university policy. (For example, a student placed on Academic Dismissal for failure to complete English 0701, but who had a cumulative GPA above 2.0 would be eligible to return to Academic Good Standing.)

Students on Academic Dismissal status for the first time at the end of the 2012 spring semester may apply for Academic Recovery status through their respective advising unit for return to the university no later than the 2016 spring semester. The two calendar year limit for the Academic Recovery status for these students will apply from the date of their first registered term.

Amended by the President in October 2021, to be effective immediately; academic terms were defined for the purpose of including summer terms. Fourth term thresholds were added to the existing credit limits to comply with regulations on academic standing for part-time students.

Amended by the President in June 2024, to be effective August 26, 2024 (Fall 2024 term); students will now be eligible for Probation after accumulating 24 or more Institutional Attempted Hours or completing a fourth Academic Term. The calculated Dismissal GPA is replaced with a 2.00 cumulative GPA threshold. A new standing of Extended Probation is created to prevent Dismissal of students on Probation until they have attempted at least 12 credits or with term GPA equal to or greater than 2.00 for up to two full-time terms. A revised Academic Recovery will require students to wait one calendar year before returning.

2. History

September 7, 2006 amended the provisions regarding eligibility for institutional financial aid and university housing.

September 26, 2007 amended the requirements for academic good standing and dismissal.

August 1, 2011 amended language describing the method by which dismissal is determined and the requirements for reinstatement.

May 18, 2012 amended the requirements for academic warning and probation for first-semester transfer students.

June 2015 amended the dismissal requirements for certain courses and created Academic Recovery status.

October 2021 defined Academic Term and clarified policy application to part-time students.

June 2024 amended the Standing definitions, created a new standing of Extended Probation, and eliminated calculated Dismissal GPA thresholds. Academic Recovery was revised to ensure a period of non-enrollment after Dismissal.

Supersedes

This policy supersedes all policies and procedures related to academic standing and academic recovery with effective dates prior to August 2024.

3. Cross References

Policy 02.10.12, Repeating a Course (Undergraduate and Graduate)

Policy 02.10.17, Academic Forgiveness (Undergraduate)

Policy 02.10.16, Leave of Absence (Undergraduate)

Procedures related to this policy can be found in the Academic Policies section of the Undergraduate Bulletin.