Academic Standing Policies

Good Academic Standing
Students who maintain a minimum of 12 credits earned and a term GPA of at least 2.0 each semester are considered in good academic standing.

Reviewing Academic Standing
Each academic advising office reviews student records at the end of fall and spring semesters to monitor academic standing. Based on this review, students may be placed on academic probation or academically dismissed.

Satisfactory Academic Progress
Satisfactory academic progress (SAP) refers to minimal standards for grades and cumulative credits required to receive financial aid. The SAP policy is described here http://www.jhu.edu/satisfactoryacademicprogresspolicy.

Academic Probation
At the end of each fall and spring semester, the academic advising offices review the records of all undergraduate students to evaluate the academic standing of each student. Students who earn less than 12 credits or earn a term GPA below 2.0 are placed on academic probation. A letter informing a student of this status and the terms of academic probation are sent to the student in January (for fall performance) or June (for spring performance).

The terms of academic probation are as follows: Students must complete at least 12 credits with a minimum term GPA of 2.0 in the next enrolled fall or spring semester. Students may also be required to achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above in order to be removed from academic probation. In making the GPA calculation, incomplete grades (I) may be calculated as failures (F). In addition, any grade in a satisfactory/unsatisfactory course may be taken into consideration.

Students who do not meet the terms of academic probation will be academically dismissed (https://e-nextcatalog.jhu.edu/academicprobation). In some circumstances, a student may be continued on academic probation instead of being dismissed. A student whose term GPA falls below 1.0 or earns less than 6 credits may be dismissed without having been on academic probation the previous semester.

Students on academic probation may be restricted from registering for the maximum course load. Engineering students on academic probation are permitted a maximum of 14 credits during the probation semester.

A student’s academic performance during the summer term or intersession will not affect his/her academic standing.

Academic Dismissal
A student on academic probation who has not met the terms of probation will be subject to academic dismissal from the university for a minimum of one semester and a summer. A student whose term GPA falls below 1.0 or earns less than 6 credits may be dismissed without having been on academic probation the previous semester.

Students may direct inquiries about the dismissal process to the Academic Review Committee of their respective advising office. Students who hope to return to the university in a future semester are encouraged to work with their academic advisor to develop a plan for their time away.

When a student is dismissed from the university, several university offices are notified and several important consequences follow.

- Registrar’s Office: cancels the student’s registration for the next semester and authorizes a refund of tuition paid for that semester;
- Office of Student Financial Services: suspends financial aid and work-study aid to the student;
- Housing Office: cancels the student’s housing contract if the student is in university housing;
- Office of International Services: performs duties as required by U.S. federal regulations regarding persons not eligible to study at the university.

Readmission after Academic Dismissal
The terms for readmitting a student who has been dismissed for academic reasons are established by the Academic Review Committee of their respective advising office.

Students are readmitted on academic probation and must meet those terms in their returning semester or face dismissal again.

Students who receive prior approval to complete courses at another college or university during the period of dismissal are subject to the university’s 12-credit limit on the number of transfer credits that can be applied toward graduation.

Readmission Requests
To apply for readmission, a dismissed student must submit a letter to the respective advising office. The letter should include an analysis of what went wrong during the preceding two semesters of enrollment, a description of activities while not in attendance, and an academic plan for completing all degree requirements. Supplemental materials such as transcripts of courses taken elsewhere, letters of reference from work or volunteer supervisor, or letters of support from a mental/physical health care provider may be required. Students are encouraged to contact their academic advisor prior to submitting a readmission letter.

Readmission and Financial Aid
Academic dismissal and financial aid suspension are two distinct actions and must be addressed separately. The Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) appeal process can be found online (http://finaid.johnshopkins.edu/return.html#satisfactoryacademicprogresspolicy). This appeal is in addition to the request for readmission to your advising office.
Subsequent Academic Dismissals
A student who is dismissed a second time will be required to separate from the university for a minimum of one year. A third academic dismissal is permanent.

Eligibility for Financial Aid
All regular degree-seeking students who are eligible to register are also eligible to apply for financial aid. Only U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens (e.g., permanent residents) are eligible for Federal Title IV financial aid.

Students should be aware that JHU scholarship and grant funds are awarded for a maximum of eight semesters. Under some circumstances, a ninth semester may be awarded on appeal. Federal and state aid may be available for additional semesters.

Students are required to maintain full-time status by registering for at least 12 credits per semester. In rare circumstances, such as severe illness, a student may be permitted to register for less than 12 credits in a given semester. Even with this permission, less than full-time status may affect some types of financial aid.

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